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The Hong Kong War Crimes Investigation Team have received confirmation of the death of Sgt. Maj. Kakei, who was a Japanese Gendarme in Hong Kong during the Occupation. The death of Kakei took place on June 1 at the Koshu War Criminal Camp. Many residents of Hong Kong will have good cause to remember this Gendarme, who, during 1943 and 1944, was one of those responsible for torturing Chinese and European prisoners held at the Gendarmerie Headquarters which were in the Supreme Court. He was also known to those held in the Gendarme Block at Stanley Gaoi.

### Japanese Found Hiding In Kowloon

A former Japanese serviceman was arrested by the police on Wednesday. He was found in a flat in Nanchang Street, Kowloon.

It is understood that he will be interned and repatriated to Japan.

The man was found living in a flat occupied by a 50-year-old Chinese woman and her 25-year-old daughter.

The women were taken to Police Headquarters for questioning but were later released.

The Japanese, said Chinese reports, is 42 years old and worked during the Japanese occupation at Kai Tak airfield. He has been in Hong Kong for the past six years.

### OVER AT LAST

Teterboro, N.J., Dec. 10. George W. Truman and Clifford V. Evans, Jr., landed at Teterboro airport at 10.14 a.m. EST today (Wednesday), completing in 122 days 23 hours 4 mins their flight around the world in the smallest planes ever to attempt the trip.—United Press.

## ROYAL HONEYMOON TO END TOMORROW

London, Dec. 11. Princess Elizabeth and Prince Philip will end their Scottish honeymoon on Saturday and return to London by the night train in time for King George's 52nd birthday celebration on Sunday.

A party will be held at the Royal Lodge in Windsor Great Park.

It will be strictly a family affair, with only the King and Queen Elizabeth, Queen Mother Mary and Princess Margaret present together with the Royal newly-weds.

The King has not observed a birthday without Elizabeth since her birth.

Elizabeth and Philip are expected to stay at the Royal

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## Point Of Complete Collapse Very Near Shanghai Brokers Cease Operating

Nanking, Dec. 11.

Chinese inflation is rapidly approaching a point where the money is literally not worth the paper it is printed on.

The spokesman of the National Economic Committee, explaining the issue of bigger denomination banknotes by the Chinese Government, today said the measure was necessary because, at current prices, cost of printing each banknote almost equals the face value of the note.

Furthermore, he said, the transportation cost of huge bundles of smaller denomination notes, most of which are inflated, would not be much below the face value of the currency.

Mr. Lo Tung-sun, Secretary-General of the National Economic Committee, said it cost the government CN\$7,000 to print and issue each CN\$10,000 note. He said the airlifting of even CN\$2,000,000,000 worth of CN\$10,000 notes cost CN\$100,000,000.

With CN\$5,000 or CN\$1,000 notes the freight charge was almost equal to the value of the charge.

One official said ruefully: "Well, at least we do not have to worry about counterfeiting. At current prices a counterfeiter would go broke."

**Shanghai Pressure**  
Shanghai, in the first move to force down prices to curb speculation through "drastic measures," Shanghai's economic police raided the Chinese Stock Security Exchange.

Police ordered all brokers who offered to buy at prices higher than sellers' prices to appear at the police station on charges of forcing up prices.

### DEAD CHINESE RED DEPRECIATES IN CASH VALUE

Nanking, Dec. 11. The Hsin Min Bao, in a Han-kow report, said the Ministry of National Defence had offered a cash reward of CN\$1,000,000,000 for Communist General Chen Keng taken alive and CN\$500,000,000 dollars for his dead body.

The Ministry at present still has a standing offer of CN\$1,000,000,000 on Liu Po-cheng's head and 500,000,000 dollars for his staff officers.—Associated Press.

### Nylons Outlawed

Meanwhile nylon stockings may be outlawed from Shanghai by December 20 if the petition of about 63 local silk hose manufacturers to Mayor K. C. Wu should result in official action.

The manufacturers pleaded that nylons are driving them out of business, declaring that as a result of smuggling, they were unable to compete with cheap nylon prices.

More than 100 silk hosiery factories have already closed down and the remaining 53 face an early shut-down if nylon stockings are not banned forthwith, the petition added.—United Press, Associated Press and Reuter.

### THE JAPS HAVE GOT IT NOW

Tokyo, Dec. 11. A Kyodo dispatch from Fukushima, 125 miles north of Tokyo, said today that a policeman reports he and two companions in a truck saw a "flying saucer" on December 10 about 3.30 p.m. The policeman describes it as one meter in diameter with an atmospheric fall.—Associated Press.

## All Britain Prepares For Future Blitz

London, Dec. 11. Every able-bodied man, woman and child in Britain will be trained in civil defence under a scheme announced by the Home Office last night to prepare for any future "Battle of Britain."

The proposals are contained in a memorandum circulated to the municipal authorities throughout Britain.

They take into consideration every kind of attack from air raids to atom bombings and biological warfare. Spearheading the new civil defence forces will be a highly mobile and well-trained permanent force, available for duty at short notice in any part of the country.



Latest reports state that Southern Viet Nam has seen in the recent talks between Bao Dai, Ex-Emperor of Annam and French authorities a portent of Bao Dai's return to Indo-China. Here is some one who will return with him — his wife, Mme. Nam Duong Phuong. She is shown arriving at Marignane airport, Marseilles, France, early last month. She has her hand on the shoulder of her son, Bao Long, heir to the now non-existent throne of Annam. — APhoto.

## H.K. Bus Drivers And Conductors Go Out On Strike

Bus services in Hong Kong were paralysed yesterday when the China Motorbus Company's drivers and conductors struck work at 1 p.m.

Almost 200 men are involved.

The average daily bus collections is \$3,000.

The men served a 48-hour ultimatum on their employers at 1 p.m. on Tuesday.

When no satisfactory reply was forthcoming yesterday, they drove the vehicles back to the company's depot at Causeway Bay.

More than 40 vehicles were returned from all bus routes.

Many people, unaware of the strike, were stranded on the roadsides and had to fight their way on to crowded trams to get back to office and to do shopping.

Many office workers arrived late in office.

Taxis and public vehicles did a roaring trade, particularly in catering to the large crowds attending the Sing Tao—Malayan Chinese Soccer match at Happy Valley.

### Demands

Among the demands made by the men are (1) retirement bonus of one year's wages for every 10 years' service at the age of 45, the bonus to be based on the last month's salary; (2) cancellation of agreements between individual workers and the management, and (3) fixed holidays.

On Tuesday before the ultimatum was served, it was proposed to continue negotiations for a compromise.

The men's representatives, however, declined.

## Ex-Empress Of Annam

## S. VIET NAM PRESIDENT AT "BAO DAI" TALKS Conference "Peace Prelude"

Saigon, Dec. 11.

The 24-hour meeting between Bao Dai, ex-Emperor of Annam, and M. Emile Bollaert, French High Commissioner for Indo-China, aboard a French cruiser in the Gulf of Tonkin last Saturday and Sunday, was attended as observer by General Noury Van Zuan, President of the South Viet Nam Provisional Government.

The conference is now understood to have been a prelude to peace between France and Viet Nam. In an exclusive interview with Central News this morning, General Van Zuan declared that the South Viet Nam Government had recorded great satisfaction at the official interview.

The President of the South Viet Nam Provisional Government asserted that his Government would certainly give support to the former Emperor in future negotiations.

The following are the questions and answers put by Central News at the interview:

Question: What do you think of the Bao Dai-Bao Dai interview?

Answer: It is a prelude to peace between France and Viet Nam. It is the first official meeting that will certainly end in tangible results. Therefore, the South Viet Nam Government records with satisfaction this official interview between the highest representative of France in Indo-China and Bao Dai, who is considered at present as the most qualified representative of Viet Nam.

The most pressing task is to put an end to the present conflict. We are against Communist dictatorship. We are for Bao Dai, who democratically represents the majority in Viet Nam.

Question: What part will your government play in future negotiations?

Answer: Our Government will certainly contribute to the negotiations by giving former Emperor Bao Dai all our support.

What Part? The deputy Prime Minister (Mr. Herbert Morrison) warned editors and lobby correspondents last night to watch their step in reporting Parliamentary events.

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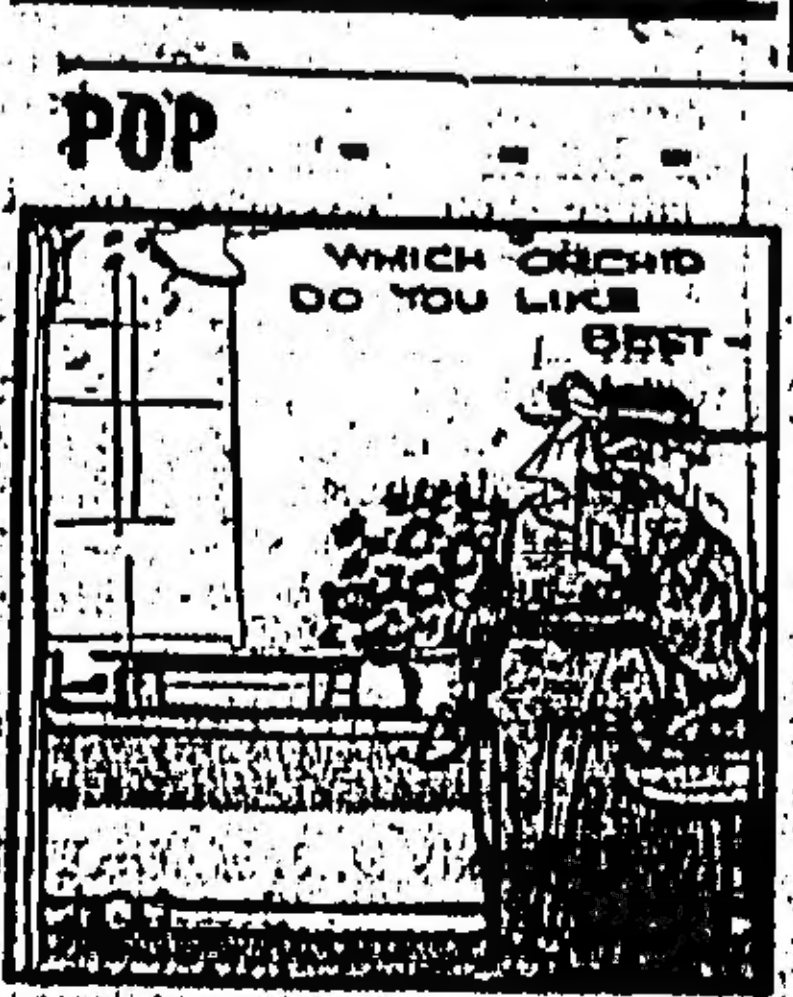
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## Higher Fines For Errant Dogs

Because of the increase in this kind of offence, fines will also be increased from the original \$10 and \$15 to \$15 and \$20 for allowing dogs to wander in public places without muzzles and without licenses. Mr. Eastman said when he dealt with 50 "dog cases" at Kowloon Magistrate's Court yesterday.

## All Money Confiscated In Korea

Seoul, Dec. 10. It was learned today that the Soviet-controlled North Korean Government last week confiscated all currency and closed all except nationally-owned stores throughout North Korea.

The Government returned 500 yen of new currency to each family head and 200 to others, but no exchange value for the new currency was announced, thereby creating economic chaos and forcing the entire country onto "rice economy."

The informant said Soviet and North Korean mounted troops flooded Pyongyang in order to enforce closure of shops and state-owned department stores and rice stores did land-slides business—the latter selling only to members of the North Korean Labour Party who possessed Party ration cards.

Farmers tossed 100-yen notes in the streets during the melee. Those North Koreans lucky to have South Korean currency are expected to migrate to the south in order to purchase gold and silver for barter. It is estimated 2.1 milliard South Koreans are currently in North Korea.—United Press.

## CROWN ALLEGES:

## "Vast" Sums Spent On School "Entertainment"

John T. O. Wong continued evidence yesterday at Kowloon Magistrate's Court at the hearing before Mr. Blair-Kerr of the case in which Leung Nai-chi (30), headmaster, and Leung Mong (32), clerk, are charged with conspiring to falsify the accounts of the Yeung Tak Middle School with intention to defraud Man Mak-on, their co-partner.

First defendant is additionally charged on six counts of larceny of funds.

Mr. A.J. Clifford, Crown Counsel, prosecuted. Mr. P.J. Griffiths appeared for defendants.

Witnesses specified the items allegedly falsified, which were said to have been expended on the entertainment of a contractor, a landlord, Government departments and others.

"Entertainment" for the contractor included 12 minor items totalling \$76.50. There were 13 items (\$12.80) expended on the landlord.

Among the Government departments, "Education Department Expenses" totalled eight items (\$100).

One was lunch with Inspector of Schools Mr. Lo (\$25.20). Five items (\$86.80) were included in the Sanitary Department accounts, of which \$18.00 was recorded for inviting a Health Inspector for tea. The P.W.D. had four items,

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totalled \$65.40, and the Police Department one item of \$17.00.

## "Presents"

Presents, including two mirrors, valued at \$38, to a certain Mr. Ng, a headmaster. The gift of a chicken and two bottles of wine, valued at \$19.60 and a present valued at \$37, were also recorded.

Travelling expenses totalled \$227.50, while stationary and office supplies were given as \$1,081.65.

Mr. Clifford had told the Court that "vast" sums had been entered in the books as entertainment but he would produce witnesses to say that no one had been entertained as recorded.

The Crown alleged that Leung Nai-chi, co-proprietor of the school with complainant (Man) carried out a general larceny by misappropriation of the school funds and that his whole conduct throughout was such as to "negate it being mere accident or negligence and to show deliberate fraud."

Hearing was adjourned after detailed evidence of checking the accounts could be entered.

to call at the Inland Revenue Department.

The question of whether or not any given expenditure is capital or revenue expenditure is a difficult point and in most cases would have to be discussed with the Assessors concerned.

**Salaries Tax**

"There are similar sections in the Ordinance dealing with commensurate in connection with Salaries and Annuities Tax."

"The basic principles are the same, but here, the crucial date is the date at which the person commences to receive income chargeable to Salaries and Annuities Tax."

"This is the date from which the person's emoluments commence to accrue, which is taken as being normally the date on which he starts working."

"In the case of an employee transferred from, say, a Shanghai branch to the Hong Kong Office, the crucial date would be the day of his arrival in Hong Kong."

"If his Hong Kong emoluments accrued from some other source, such as a pension, the date would be the date of the pension being received."

"In such cases, the provisions and exemptions and rebates are reduced proportionately to the period during the year of assessment to which liability attaches."

"Thus, if a person commencing on June 30, 1947, to receive income chargeable to Salaries and Annuities Tax, would receive only one-half of his various allowances and the amounts of income liable on the varying rates would be \$2,500 only instead of \$5,000."

"If a person has received income liable to this tax at any time during the year preceding the year of assessment 1947/48, he would, of course, for the purpose of 1947/48 tax, receive full allowances as he would be liable for the whole year."

**Profits Tax**

"Under Sections 15 and 16 of the Inland Revenue Ordinance, 1947, a corporation or person carrying on a trade, profession or business in the Colony is liable to Profits Tax on any profits arising in or derived from the Colony."

"In the first place, it should be noted that the trade, profession or business must be carried on in the Colony and not with the Colony."

"Where there is any doubt as to whether or not a non-resident person is trading in the Colony or trading with the Colony, it may be taken as a general rule that trading in the Colony consists of trading through a local branch or agency which has, and habitually exercises, a general authority to negotiate and conclude contracts on behalf of the principal or which has a stock of merchandise in the Colony which are regularly fulfilled on behalf of the principal."

"Profits may arise in one place, but be derived from another, and the fact that profits do not arise in Hong Kong does not necessarily mean that they are not liable to tax since they may still be derived from Hong Kong."

"Thus, where a person resident in Hong Kong makes a contract for the sale of goods in Shanghai from stocks held there by his branch or agent, for delivery in Shanghai, profits arise in Shanghai."

"Where, however, a person makes a contract in Hong Kong to sell to a person in Shanghai and goods are shipped from Hong Kong, the profits arise in Hong Kong."

"In most cases it should not be difficult to decide where profits actually arise."

**Anonymous Letters**

"I receive, from time to time, anonymous letters, some of which are obviously designed for the making of mischief, and clearly come from disgruntled employees or jealous rivals."

"They make fantastic statements concerning other people's affairs, or convey derogatory hints concerning the integrity of other people and officers of this Department."

"They are normally consigned to the waste paper basket."

"If a person has definite evidence of fraudulent evasion or of attempted fraudulent evasion by any taxpayer or misconduct on the part of any officer of this Department, and wishes to bring it to my notice, he must do so over his own name. Such information will be treated with the utmost confidence and the informant's name will not generally be disclosed."

"It will be used only in so far as it is necessary to secure the proper course of justice, and, as far as this Department is concerned, it will not be made public."

"Persons presenting such information therefore should disclose their information to me."

"Anonymous letters are merely a waste of time, both on the part of the writer and of the receiver."

"An honest man has no need to resort to this kind of proceeding in the Chinese Press during the last few days, apparently informing the public that this Department had notified all Accountants in the Colony that in-

ances affected outside the Colony in Hong Kong Dollars are subject to Hong Kong Tax.

"This is a complete misunderstanding."

"The insurance benefit itself, as such, is not necessarily subject to tax and the question concerns only the profit which the insurance companies may make from such insurance policies."

"In the view of the Department, the profit on such policies is derived from Hong Kong. The question, however, does not affect policy-holders."

**Relief**

"It does not seem to be generally understood that Corporation Profits Tax and Business Profits Tax are charged on the whole of a person's profits and not merely on the excess over \$7,000."

"The \$7,000 relief referred to in Section 16 of the Ordinance is granted only to those whose profits do not exceed that amount."

"I would emphasize that it is not granted to persons whose profits amount to \$9,500 pays no tax, but a person whose profits amount to \$8,000 pays tax on the whole of that \$8,000 (i.e., \$800 of tax)."

"In order, however, to protect the person whose profits exceed \$7,000 by a small sum only, it is provided in paragraph (b) of Section 16 of the Ordinance that tax shall not be more than the amount by which the profits exceed \$7,000."

"Thus, if a person made \$7,001 profit he would not be charged \$7,001, but only \$1."

"This marginal relief applies up to \$7,777 of profit on which tax would be \$777, which is precisely 10% of the total profits, and also the precise amount of the excess of profits over \$7,000."

"The important thing to bear in mind, however, is that there is no deduction of \$7,000 from profits before charging tax."

**H.K.P.R. ORDERS**

Hong Kong Police Reserve Orders No. 23 of 1947:

"Leaves A.S.P. (R) Tso Hock On has been granted leave of absence for one (1) month from Dec. 5, 1947 to Jan. 4, 1948, both days inclusive. C.I. (R) Chau Ching Chiu has been granted ten (10) days leave of absence from Dec. 4, 1947 to Dec. 13, 1947, both days inclusive. C.I. (R) Lee Kait Bun has been granted ten (10) days leave of absence for the duration of A.S.P. (R) Hock On's leave. C.I. (R) Jackie Lau will be acting C.O. of No. 4 Company for the duration of C.I. (R) Chau Ching Chiu's leave."

N.C.O. Lectures: Lectures for all N.C.O.s Lance Sergeants and above including A.S.P. (R)s will be held at the H.K.P.R. Club on Wednesday, Dec. 10, 1947 at 8.45 p.m. Mr. N.G. Rolph, Adjutant, P.R. will lecture on "Formation of the Police Force." No leave of absence will be granted."

Police Members of No. 4 Company and all new recruits will parade at the H.K.P.R. Headquarters every Monday and Thursday at 5.30 p.m. sharp. For 11 Training under S.I. (R) Chan Yung Pan.

Campaign Stars & British War Medals: All the Members of the Police Reserve, Inspectorate and Rank and File who were serving in Hong Kong between the 1st and 25th December 1941 are eligible to wear the following War Medals—1. 1939-1945 Star; 2. Pacific Star; 3. War Medal; 4. British War Medal; 5. War Medal; 6. War Medal; 7. War Medal; 8. War Medal; 9. War Medal; 10. War Medal; 11. War Medal; 12. War Medal; 13. War Medal; 14. War Medal; 15. War Medal; 16. War Medal; 17. War Medal; 18. War Medal; 19. War Medal; 20. War Medal; 21. War Medal; 22. War Medal; 23. War Medal; 24. War Medal; 25. War Medal; 26. War Medal; 27. War Medal; 28. War Medal; 29. War Medal; 30. War Medal; 31. War Medal; 32. War Medal; 33. War Medal; 34. War Medal; 35. War Medal; 36. War Medal; 37. War Medal; 38. War Medal; 39. War Medal; 40. War Medal; 41. War Medal; 42. War Medal; 43. War Medal; 44. War Medal; 45. War Medal; 46. War Medal; 47. War Medal; 48. War Medal; 49. War Medal; 50. War Medal; 51. War Medal; 52. 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NOTICE is hereby given that a  
Public Meeting will be held at  
The Jacobean Room, of the  
Hong Kong Hotel,  
on Thursday, the 15th January  
1948, at 5.30 P.M.

The Honourable Mr. A. Morse  
will preside, and the object of  
the Meeting is to revive the  
above Society and to do all such  
things, including the appoint-  
ment of Officers, as are in-  
cidental or conducive to enabling  
the Society to resume its  
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F. H. LOSEBY,  
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## NOTICE

### WOODCRAFT WORKS LIMITED

Companies (Reconstruction of  
Records) Ordinance, 1947.

Reconstruction of Register of  
Members.

Woodcraft Works, Limited  
(hereinafter called "the Com-  
pany") has applied to the Re-  
gistrar of Companies for leave to  
reconstruct its Register of  
Members, under Section 12 of  
the Companies (Reconstruction  
of Records) Ordinance, 1947.

The statutory declaration in  
support of the application and  
the exhibits thereto being lists  
of persons who it is believed are  
entitled to be registered as  
shareholders of the Company  
can be inspected, on payment of  
the prescribed fees, in the office  
of the Registrar of Companies,  
Courts of Justice, Hong Kong. A  
copy of the statutory declaration  
and the exhibits thereto may also  
be inspected at the Company's  
Registered Office during ordinary  
working hours.

All persons who claim to be  
entitled to be registered as  
shareholders of the Company  
must notify the Company of their  
FULL NAMES and ADDRESSES,  
their claim and the evidence upon  
which it is based WITHIN THREE  
MONTHS from the 12th day of  
December, 1947.

Persons who hold Share  
Certificates and Transfer Deeds  
(if any) are requested to pro-  
duce them at the Company's  
Registered Office if they have  
not already done so. Share-  
holders who have lost their  
scrip are requested to write to  
the Company giving all known  
particulars of their holding and  
the circumstances of the loss,  
when further information will be  
given as to any further evidence  
required.

All notices and communications  
should be addressed to the  
Company at its Registered  
Office, 7 Queen's Road, Central,  
Hong Kong.

LOWE, BINGHAM &  
MATTHEWS,  
Secretaries.

Hongkong, 12th December, 1947.

## NOTICE

### BUILDERS AND TRADERS LIMITED

Companies (Reconstruction of  
Records) Ordinance, 1947.

Reconstruction of Register of  
Members.

Builders and Traders Limited  
(hereinafter called "the Com-  
pany") has applied to the Re-  
gistrar of Companies for leave to  
reconstruct its Register of  
Members, under Section 12 of  
the Companies (Reconstruction  
of Records) Ordinance, 1947.

The statutory declaration in  
support of the application and  
the exhibits thereto being lists  
of persons who it is believed are  
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should be addressed to the  
Company at its Registered  
Office, 7 Queen's Road, Central,  
Hong Kong.

LOWE, BINGHAM &  
MATTHEWS,  
Secretaries.

Hongkong, 12th December, 1947.

## THE FAR EAST FLYING TRAINING SCHOOL LIMITED

### COMPANIES (RECONSTRUCTION OF RECORDS) ORDINANCE, 1947.

Reconstruction of  
Register of Members.

The Far East Flying Training  
School Limited (hereinafter called  
"the Company") has applied to  
the Registrar of Companies for  
leave to reconstruct its Re-  
gister of Members, under Section  
12 of the Companies (Recon-  
struction of Records) Ordinance,  
1947.

The statutory declaration in  
support of the application and  
the exhibits thereto (being lists  
of persons who it is believed  
are entitled to be registered as  
shareholders of the Company)  
can be inspected, on payment of  
the prescribed fees, in the of-  
fice of the Registrar of Com-  
panies, Supreme Court, Hong  
Kong. A copy of the statutory  
declaration and the exhibits  
thereto may also be inspected  
at the Company's Head Office  
during ordinary working hours.

All persons who claim to be  
entitled to be registered as  
shareholders of the Company  
must notify the Company of their  
FULL NAMES and AD-  
DRESSES, their claim and the  
evidence upon which it is based  
WITHIN THREE MONTHS  
from the 1st day of December,  
1947.

Persons who hold Share  
Certificates and Instruments of  
Transfer in respect thereof  
(if any) are requested to pro-  
duce them at the Company's  
Registered Office if this has  
not already been done. Share-  
holders who have lost their  
Share Certificates and have not  
already notified the Company of  
their loss and given full  
particulars thereof are request-  
ed to write to the Company  
giving all known particulars  
of the lost Certificates and the  
circumstances of the loss, when  
further information will be  
given to other evidence  
required.

All notices and communica-  
tions should be addressed to the  
Company at its Head Office,  
26 Nathan Road, Kowloon.

H. R. de PINNA  
Secretary.

Hong Kong, 28th Nov., 1947.

## THE FAR EAST AVIATION COMPANY LIMITED.

### COMPANIES (RECONSTRUCTION OF RECORDS) ORDINANCE, 1947.

Reconstruction of  
Register of Members.

The Far East Aviation Com-  
pany Limited (hereinafter called  
"the Company") has applied to  
the Registrar of Companies for  
leave to reconstruct its Re-  
gister of Members, under Section  
12 of the Companies (Recon-  
struction of Records) Ordinance,  
1947.

The statutory declaration in  
support of the application and  
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can be inspected, on payment of  
the prescribed fees, in the of-  
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panies, Supreme Court, Hong  
Kong. A copy of the statutory  
declaration and the exhibits  
thereto may also be inspected  
at the Company's Head Office  
during ordinary working hours.

All persons who claim to be  
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shareholders of the Company  
must notify the Company of their  
FULL NAMES and AD-  
DRESSES, their claim and the  
evidence upon which it is based  
WITHIN THREE MONTHS  
from the 1st day of December,  
1947.

Persons who hold Share  
Certificates and Instruments of  
Transfer in respect thereof (if  
any) are requested to produce  
them at the Company's Re-  
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of the lost Certificates and the  
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given as to other evidence  
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tions should be addressed to the  
Company at its Head Office,  
26 Nathan Road, Kowloon.

H. R. de PINNA  
Secretary.

Hong Kong, 28th Nov., 1947.

## PEAK TRAMWAYS COMPANY, LIMITED, NOTICE

Companies (Re-Construction of  
Records) Ordinance, 1947.

Re-Construction of the Register  
of Members.

PEAK TRAMWAYS COM-  
PANY, LIMITED (hereinafter  
called "the Company") has  
applied to the Registrar of  
Companies for leave to recon-  
struct its Register of Members,  
under Section 12 (1) of the  
Companies (Re-Construction of  
Records) Ordinance, 1947.

The statutory declaration in  
support of the application and  
the exhibits thereto (being lists  
of persons who it is believed  
are entitled to be registered as  
shareholders of the Company)  
can be inspected, on payment of  
prescribed fees, in the office of  
the Registrar of Companies,  
Courts of Justice, Hongkong.  
A copy of the statutory declara-  
tion and the exhibits thereto  
may be inspected at the Com-  
pany's Registered Office,  
Alexandra Building, Second  
Floor, Des Voeux Road Central,  
Victoria, Hongkong, during  
ordinary business hours.

All persons who claim to be  
entitled to be registered as  
shareholders of the Company  
are hereby required to notify  
the Company of their FULL  
NAMES and ADDRESSES,  
their claim and the evidence  
upon which it is based WITHIN  
THREE MONTHS from the  
Eighth day of December 1947.

Persons who hold Share  
Certificates and Instruments of  
Transfer in respect thereof  
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duce them at the Company's  
Registered Office if this has  
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holders who have lost their  
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already notified the Company of  
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ed to write to the Company  
giving all known particulars  
of the lost Certificates and the  
circumstances of the loss, when  
further information will be  
given to other evidence  
required.

All notifications and communica-  
tions must be sent to the  
Company addressed to its Re-  
gistered Office, Second Floor,  
Alexandra Building, Des Voeux  
Road Central, Victoria, Hong  
Kong.

J. L. QUIE,  
Secretary.

## MACKINTOSH'S LIMITED

COMPANIES  
(RECONSTRUCTION OF  
RECORDS) ORDINANCE, 1947.

Reconstruction of the Register  
of Members.

MACKINTOSH'S LIMITED  
(hereinafter called "the Com-  
pany") has applied to the Re-  
gistrar of Companies for leave to  
reconstruct its Register of  
Members, under Section 12 (1)  
of the Companies (Reconstruction  
of Records) Ordinance, 1947.

The statutory declaration in  
support of the application and  
the exhibits thereto (being lists  
of persons who it is believed  
are entitled to be registered as  
shareholders of the Company)  
can be inspected, on payment of  
the prescribed fees, in the Office  
of the Registrar of Companies,  
Courts of Justice, Hong Kong. A  
copy of the statutory declaration  
and the exhibits thereto may also  
be inspected at the Company's  
Registered Office, Alexandra  
Building, 7, Des Voeux Road,  
Central, Victoria, Hong Kong,  
during ordinary business hours.

All persons who claim to be  
entitled to be registered as  
shareholders of the Company are  
hereby required to notify the  
Company of their FULL  
NAMES and ADDRESSES,  
their claim and the evidence upon  
which it is based WITHIN  
THREE MONTHS from the  
Eighth day of December, 1947.

Persons who hold Share  
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giving all known particulars  
of the lost Certificates and the  
circumstances of the loss, when  
further information will be  
given as to other evidence  
required.

All notifications and communica-  
tions must be sent to the  
Company addressed to its Re-  
gistered Office, Ground Floor,  
Alexandra Building, 7, Des  
Voeux Road, Central, Victoria,  
Hong Kong.

R. F. E. JONES,  
Secretary.

## A. S. WATSON AND COMPANY, LIMITED, NOTICE

Companies (Re-Construction of  
Records) Ordinance, 1947.

Re-Construction of the Register  
of Members.

A. S. WATSON AND COM-  
PANY, LIMITED (hereinafter  
called "the Company") has  
applied to the Registrar of  
Companies for leave to recon-  
struct its Register of  
Members, under Section 12 (1)  
of the Companies (Re-Construction  
of Records) Ordinance,  
1947.

The statutory declaration in  
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lists of persons who it is  
believed are entitled to be regis-  
tered as shareholders of the  
Company) can be inspected, on  
payment of the prescribed fees,  
in the office of the Registrar of  
Companies, Courts of Justice,  
Hongkong. A copy of the  
statutory declaration and the  
exhibits thereto may also be  
inspected at the Company's  
Registered Office, Alexandra  
Building, Second Floor, Des  
Voeux Road Central, Victo-  
ria, Hongkong, during or-  
dinary business hours.

All persons who claim to be  
entitled to be registered as  
shareholders of the Company  
are hereby required to notify  
the Company of their FULL  
NAMES and ADDRESSES,  
their claim and the evidence  
upon which it is based WITHIN  
THREE MONTHS from the  
Eighth day of December 1947.

Persons who hold Share  
Certificates and Instruments of  
Transfer in respect thereof  
(if any) are requested to pro-  
duce them at the Company's  
Registered Office if this has  
not already been done. Share-  
holders who have lost their  
Share Certificates and have not  
already notified the Company of  
their loss and given full  
particulars thereof are request-  
ed to write to the Com-  
pany giving all known particu-  
lars of the lost Certificates and  
the circumstances of the loss,  
when further information will  
be given as to other evidence  
required.

All notifications and communica-  
tions must be sent to the  
Company addressed to its  
Registered Office, Second Floor,  
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W. PATERSON,  
Secretary.

## URBAN COUNCIL

### NOTICE

Notice is hereby given of the  
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to exhume the cremated remains  
of the deceased persons contained  
in an urn deposited in the ground  
of the Northcote Training Col-  
lege, Bonham Road, Hong Kong,  
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Kowloon No. 8 Urn Cemetery on  
the expiry of 14 days from the  
date of publication of this notice.

R. W. H. MAYNARD,  
Secretary, Urban Council.

Hongkong, 4th December, 1947.

## POLICE NOTICE

All holders of arms licences  
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Police Station. Failure to apply  
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the arms.

COMMISSIONER OF POLICE.

Hongkong, 11th December, 1947.

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# Helmeted Police Clash With Reds In Rome

Rome, Dec. 11.

Helmeted police, carrying gas masks and swing-  
ing night-sticks, roared by jeep into a crowd  
of 1,000 strikers in downtown Rome today to  
crack several heads and make arrests in the  
first incident of the Communist general strike.

The Interior Ministry announced  
later that 100 arrests had been  
made by 1 p.m. during a score  
of police clashes with Communist  
"public order" squads, which  
were trying to prevent people  
from working.

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## CUNNINGHAM GIVES WARNING Britain To Keep Order In Palestine Severe Measures Threatened

Jerusalem, Dec. 10.  
Faced with the difficult task of maintaining law and order in Palestine with a diminishing British garrison, Sir Alan Cunningham, High Commissioner, announced today the adoption of "severe measures" if the present inter-racial strife continued.

The warning was issued almost simultaneously with reports that nine Jews and at least six Arabs had been killed in renewed fighting in Palestine today.

The threatened British measures would, according to informed quarters here, include rigorous application of defence emergency laws, including the death penalty for carrying, or using, firearms, possible country-wide restrictions of road traffic, and imposition of curfews in strife-torn areas.

Sir Alan Cunningham called on Arabs and Jewish leaders to co-operate. The High Commissioner's communique stated that the British Government had made it clear that so long as the mandate for Palestine remained in force, the Palestine Administration would discharge its duty of maintaining law and order in the Holy Land. In nine days of Arab-Jewish strife there had been a grievous loss of life and extensive damage to property.

### No Action

Warning that disorders must cease "before further suffering and loss," Sir Alan called on Arabs and Jews to co-operate.

If the disorders continued, he would have no option but to direct the security forces to adopt severe measures against all those Jews and Arabs alike, who were breaking the law. Meanwhile, the Emir Ismail Suleiman, head of the Ismailite section in Syria, has informed the Syrian Government that the Aga Khan, supreme head of Ismailism, had declared that he would contribute £30,000,000 for the "redemption" of Palestine. The Damascus correspondent of the Near East Arab broadcasting station said tonight.

If the United Nations did not deviate from its present decision to partition Palestine, the Aga Khan, according to the Emir Ismail, as quoted by the correspondent, said: "He would buy all Palestine and give it back to the Arabs."

### Prison Break

Under a rain of shots from a sentry 18 Arab prisoners climbed over the eastern wall of Akko prison in north Palestine today and escaped. The Arabs escaped by sawing through the bars of their cells, tying up a warden and descending into the Arab market below the prison wall by means of smuggled rope.

Eighty Jewish prisoners were tonight taken from Akko to Jerusalem.

A British dispatch rider was killed and another wounded by shots fired in Haifa today. It was also reported that a Spanish priest was shot and wounded in the stomach by an unknown gunman while standing on the roof of the Salesian school in Haifa.

### Secret Meeting

With almost complete stoppage of road traffic between Tel-Aviv

and Jerusalem, trunk calls between the two cities have risen almost hundred per cent, with delays of upwards of three hours on urgent calls.

The Jaffa telephone exchange is working at less than 50 per cent of its normal strength, 150 Jewish telephone operators staying away from work because they fear Arab attacks.

An unofficial truce was reported to be in effect on the mixed border districts between Jaffa and Tel-Aviv tonight, and incidents had so far been reported. A few British armoured cars patrolled the Jerusalem-Jaffa road. In Cairo, the Mufli of Jerusalem, Haj Amin El Husseini, and Sheikh Youssef Yassin, said, an Arabian representative to the Arab League talks held a long secret meeting during the night. The meeting began at midnight and lasted five hours. No indication has been given of the subjects covered.—Reuter.

## Expenses Of Occupation

Washington, Dec. 11.  
The US Army asked Congress today for US\$490,000,000 to meet occupation expenses. Secretary of the Army Royal told the Senate Appropriations Committee that this would raise the fiscal year total to US\$1,100,000,000.

The supplementary request, he said, was made necessary by crop losses in Germany and Japan, Britain's inability to meet her half share of the costs and other factors. "I'm deeply interested in economy," Royal said, "but I believe there is no true economy in the semi-starvation of Germany and Japan. The funds we have asked are the minimum required to prevent this and to enable the people to work."—Associated Press.

## JAPANESE QUAKE

Tokyo, Dec. 11.  
A slight earthquake rocked the Wakayama area, east of Osaka, today, a few hours after Professor Sassa of University had warned of a possible quake there.

Wakayama was hard hit in last December's disastrous earthquake and tidal wave.—Associated Press.

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## First Session Of French Union

Paris, Dec. 10.  
M. Vincent Auriol, President of the French Republic, opened the first session of the Assembly of the French Union at the Palace of Versailles this afternoon.

(The French Union is the name given under the constitution of the Fourth Republic to France and her overseas territories and protectorates.)

The Assembly has 160 members, comprising 75 for France and 75 for overseas areas but the full number was not present today.

Fighting in Madagascar, between insurgents and French troops has prevented the holding of elections there and the Algerian members have not been nominated yet.

## ARAB BOYCOTT OF JEWISH GOODS?

Havana, Dec. 10.  
Questions on a possible Arab boycott of Jewish goods were put today to the Secretary of the World Trade Conference, Mr. Wyndham White, who replied that trade boycotts for political reasons were a matter for the United Nations.

They would not come within the scope of the proposed International Trade organisations, he said.—Reuter.

## Spectacular Comet Display

Capetown, Dec. 11.  
The comet Honda, streaking across the southern sky in a display more spectacular than anything since Halley's comet, signalled the end of the World today to thousands of Orange Free State natives at Harriemath.

The natives spent all last night and this morning chanting at prayer meetings.

The comet Honda, named after the Japanese astronomer who discovered it, first appeared at 1900 GMT.

It entered the constellation Triangulum, which it should leave tonight, its brilliant train sweeps far from it and thousands of South Africans enjoyed its brilliant appearance.—United Press.

## Dutch Reject Proposals

Aboard USS Renville, Batavia Bay

Dec. 11.  
The Dutch delegation today rejected the plan drawn up by the three-power United Nations Commission for ending the war in Java and submitted a plan of its own.

A communique issued after the business session of the Commission's meeting with the Dutch and Indonesian delegations said, however, that the Dutch requested further discussions and clarification of the United Nations plan.

The Netherlands said they would accept the "new plan," whose details were not announced. Authoritative circles said, however, that it called for various withdrawals of both Indonesian and Dutch forces from disputed territory in Indonesia in order to make clearer demarcation lines.—United Press.

## JAP EXECUTED IN SHANGHAI

Shanghai, Dec. 11.  
Takatschi Takashi, a former intelligence officer in the Japanese army, was executed here yesterday afternoon for the murder of a number of Chinese underground workers and civilians.—Reuter.

## Mystery Man's Forecast

Adelaide, Dec. 10.  
Before the year 2000 AD, there will be "another comet, the most destructive of all wars and the end of the world," according to Mr. Ahmar Gala Singh, an Indian claiming to be 114 years old.

He has been described by Mr. George Dowdell, the Australian Government astronomer, as "a great and mysterious man with a marvellous ability to foretell future events."

Mr. Dowdell confirmed today that a fortnight ago, Mr. Singh had predicted the appearance of the new comet seen flashing across the Southern heavens during the last few days.

Mr. Singh made another prophecy today that "seven sun spots—the centre one colossal—will be visible in this area two minutes after midnight on Christmas Day."

"People in England laughed when I predicted in 1882 that a great comet would appear in six months. Many committed suicide when the great comet came," Mr. Singh declared. Mr. Singh said that "supernatural influences" had brought him from Melbourne weeks ago.

The comet of 1882 was unusually bright, and was clearly seen by daylight. Calculations made at the time determined that it would appear about every 700 years.—Reuter.

## Mr. Shinwell Disturbed

London, Dec. 11.  
The Minister of War, Mr. Emanuel Shinwell, replying to Mr. J. R. Leslie (Labour) in the House of Commons today, said that the solid fuel available to the army is not sufficient to maintain the standard of heating of barrack rooms which is necessary. It was only right in the present circumstances that the army should exercise the greatest possible economies in consumption as all other users of fuel.

Mr. A. J. Symonds (Labour) asked whether the Minister was aware that in one camp there was no heat at all in the huts during the recent cold spell.

Mr. Shinwell replied that he was disturbed about the facts at certain camps.—Reuter.

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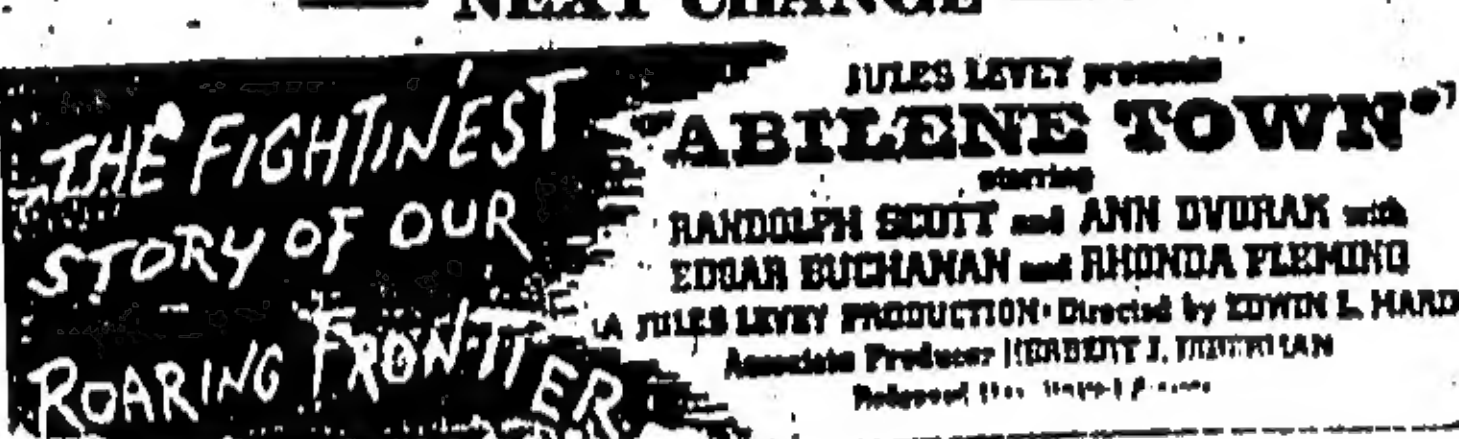
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## GOVERNMENT ACCOMMODATION

The solid progress now being made in the erection of so-called temporary, administrative buildings on the site opposite the C.S.O. serves as a reminder that the Government's accommodation problem is deserving of a more determined effort to find a solution than can today be detected. Some provision for re-building has doubtless been made under the programme intended to be financed from the Rehabilitation Loan, but policy hitherto has shown so much lack of imagination that it is almost unbelievable. The needs are obvious enough. Hong Kong's Police Commissioner is housed in headquarters of which he is justly so ashamed that he did not venture to invite into his Canton's police chief on his recent visit to Hong Kong. The Post Office building is hopelessly antiquated, conditions being such that it is remarkable that Hong Kong postal operations are still maintained at a high pitch of efficiency. There is more than half a suspicion that the protracted delay in implementing the constitution reform promises is partly due to the absence of any immediately available Council Chamber, with the necessary offices and committee rooms. It would be enough if this were all, but in addition Government has invaded many of the Colony's principal business premises for the housing of various departments, which are scattered all over the place when the need for centralisation is clearly apparent, both for the saving of time and for greater convenience. One bad effect of this, apart from the considerable sums paid out by Government annually in the form of rent, is to crowd out business firms and create such a scarcity of office accommodation in the city area that tremendous sums have to be paid in the way of key money by any newcomer. The construction of a large administrative building, which would bring under one roof nearly all the departments of the Government, make provision for a Municipal Council Chamber and for the offices of the Municipality, is an urgent need that requires no emphasis. What it does require is a little vigour in action. It is not easy to compute the present-day cost of the type of building envisaged, but we imagine that the saving in rentals alone would go a considerable way to meet interest payment on any loan raised for this purpose. In short, an acceptable excuse for the continuous postponement of development along these lines, in spite of recognition of the necessity for carrying it out, for many years past, is difficult to discover. If private enterprise can undertake large-scale construction, it should not be beyond the wit of Government.

## Plain Warning

In the face of a reasonably plain warning from Mr. George C. Marshall, (U.S. Secretary of State) and his British and French colleagues that there could be little profit in continuing the Big Four meetings unless the Soviet Union put its cards on the table, Mr. Molotov appears to have bowed and spread out his hand. But it is important to distinguish between the prospect of negotiation and prospect of agreement. Prospects that the meetings will go on for some time longer, and that the Foreign Ministers will embark on an attempt to bargain are now bright. The prospect that negotiation will lead to agreement is no more certain than it was at the beginning of the meeting. Mr. Molotov has been surrounded by what he has called "the big boys" of the world, and he has been surrounded by what he has called "the big boys" of the world, and he has been surrounded by what he has called "the big boys" of the world.

It is to be seen whether the future meetings will produce concessions which alone can bring a four-power agreement on the German and Austrian settlement. By his return on Monday, Mr. Molotov brought with him a number of proposals, which he has called "the big boys" of the world, and he has been surrounded by what he has called "the big boys" of the world, and he has been surrounded by what he has called "the big boys" of the world.

## LINKING BRITAIN AND THE COLONIES

By Kenneth Blackburne, Chief Information Officer of the Colonial Office, in a broadcast last night.

I expect that many people coming to England from the Colonies have had the same experience as I have. You meet someone who asks what you've been doing, and you tell him that you've been working in Nigeria. "O, yes, Nigeria," he replies. "then you've probably come across my old friend Smith who is farming in Kenya." I'm afraid that generally speaking it's still too true that people in this country know very little about the Colonies and only hear about them when they are beset by strikes, by earthquakes and suchlike disasters. And the other side of the picture isn't much better. People in the Colonies, particularly in the African and Far Eastern Colonies, know far too little about this country. I always remember that my servants in Nigeria were quite unimpressed when I tried to explain what life in England was like. They only thought which really impressed them was that everyone in England wears shoes. That's a long time ago, and a lot has happened since then, but the fact remains that the only people in the Colonies who really have any idea of what this country is like are the small handful who have actually visited England.

Everyone who believes in the British Commonwealth as a power for good in the world will agree that it is desperately important that we should try to break through these barriers of ignorance and should try to build up greater understanding between the people of Britain and the people of the Colonies. This has never been more vital than it is now, when, through all these new projects, the hard-headed people of Britain are being asked to find large sums of money for Colonial development. "Exploiting"?

For one thing, we have got to get away from this idea that we are "exploiting" the Colonies, and to do that we've got to make the British public know more about the Colonies so that they don't think of them only as possible providers of tobacco for their cigarettes, petrol for their cars, and eggs and bacon for their breakfast. If this drive for Colonial development is really going to be successful we must get across to the British public that the Colonies have their troubles and their problems too, that Colonial development is needed for the people for the Colonies, and that

Africa is not just Britain'sarder. This means that we must go all out to make the people of Britain know more about the Colonies, and we've got to do it quickly. You may say that this is all very "starry-eyed," and so it may be—but I do believe that a lot more can be done not only to make the British public more colony-conscious, but also to make the people in the Colonies know more about this country and what Britain stands for. We start with a tremendous asset in that there is goodwill in abundance. The British public do want to know more about the Colonies. Then, a great deal is already being done by many societies and organisations such as the Royal Empire Society and the East African Office, to mention only two; by articles and pictures in the British press in spite of paper shortage, as well as by such excellent specialist papers as the "Crown Colonist" and "East Africa and Rhodesia" by the B.B.C. and in films.

## This Modern Age

Here I would like to mention in particular the Radio Film Exchange, which is making a number of films about the Colonies. They have already made films on Palestine and Jamaica, and a film on Ceylon is nearly ready. A filming unit has just left for West Africa, and next year they are hoping to send to unit to East Africa. So they are covering the Colonies in a big way. As you probably know, this "Modern Age" is the British Commonwealth of the American "March of Time." Their films are shown at most of the cinemas in this country and will do more than almost anything else to show the Colonies to the British public. We have, too, in the Central Office of Information a first class Government Agency which produces films, photographs and publications. But there's still plenty of room for more work, and the Information Department of the Colonial Office has just been reorganised so as to enable it to do more than it has done in the past to build up more knowledge of the Colonies. I can't in a short talk tell you all the plans we have got for the future, but I would like to mention one or two of the ways in which we hope to set about our job.

First—our work in this country. We want to step up the supply of information to schools, and also to try and get big organisations in this country, such as the Rotary Clubs and the Women's Institutes, to take more interest in the Colonies. That means more films, more photographs, more publications, which can be sent to schools, and to towns and villages all over Britain. It means that we must have more people from the Colonies who are willing to talk to schools and audiences all over Britain—not to give lectures on matters of high policy, but just to talk quite simply about life and conditions in the Colonies. Above all it means that we must build up some machinery to organise the lectures and to distribute this material in a really big way. We are on to that now, and we have formed a group representative of the leading Empire societies, of the colonial government offices in London and of government departments, like the Ministry of Education and the Central Office of Information, which is trying to work out a definite plan of campaign. When we've got the machinery sorted out, we'll be asking for a lot of help from the Colonies. We shall want the Colonies to help by sending us more photographs, and news of what's going on there, and we shall want the help of the people coming to England, students, government officials, in fact anyone who has a story to tell—and can tell it. Dull lectures do more harm than good.

## Difficult Time

We realise that the Public Relations Officers and Information Officers in the Colonies have their hands pretty full with work inside their own Colonies and can't give as much time as we—our people—would like. That's why the Information Officers in Nairobi and Accra. These Officers are paid for by the British Treasury and one of their main jobs is to obtain photographs and articles about their areas which we can use in this country. Mr. Watkins Pritchard in Nairobi and Major Lillie-Castell in Accra have had a difficult time because we haven't yet been able to get them their full complement of staff, but we'll overcome that soon and we shall then have a regular flow of material from East and West Africa. The Photographic Service in West Africa has already got a large output which has been featured not only in the British press, but also in North America and other parts of the world.

May I now turn for a moment to the other side of the picture—what we call in public relations "larger words." Telling the people of the Colonies what Britain and the British people are like and what Britain stands for, and explaining the British point of view, is one of our main jobs. Mr. Watkins Pritchard in Nairobi and Major Lillie-Castell in Accra have had a difficult time because we haven't yet been able to get them their full complement of staff, but we'll overcome that soon and we shall then have a regular flow of material from East and West Africa. The Photographic Service in West Africa has already got a large output which has been featured not only in the British press, but also in North America and other parts of the world.

With all this stuff from the Ministry of Information. There is far too much of it and a lot of it of no use to us here. He showed me a film entitled "How the variable pitch propeller works"; hardly the sort of thing to interest the Gambian groundnut farmer.

## Early Days

Well that was in the early days when the Ministry of Information was just making a start with the "Projection of Britain" and there has been a lot of improvement since then. But there is still room for more improvement and, now that the Ministry of Information has been closed, we in the Colonial Office are responsible for selecting and sending out material—periodicals, posters, films and so on—for use in reading rooms and welfare centres in the Colonies. In this work we work very closely with the British Council, and both of us are at present engaged in overhauling the whole distribution system. It's not an easy job. From one Information Officer in the Colonies I've heard that he doesn't mind if nothing more is sent out; from another I've heard that far too little is sent out and that some of his reading rooms have nothing but a single flydown copy of the "Illustrated London News" issued during the war; and from others I've heard nothing at all. We, sitting at desks in London, cannot be expected to know what sort of pictures or films go down best in the different conditions of each Colony, and we cannot operate without advice and help from Information Officers in the Colonies. One thing we do know—and that is that it is worthwhile continuing this supply of material so that the people in the Colonies can at least have a chance of getting some idea of what Britain is like.

## Colonel Charges His Own Country

MOSCOW, DEC. 10.—LT. COL. RAYMOND MARQUET, HEAD OF THE FRENCH REPATRIATION MISSION IN RUSSIA WHICH THE SOVIET GOVERNMENT HAS ORDERED EXPELLED, CHARGED HIS OWN GOVERNMENT WITH A "SYSTEMATICALLY MALICIOUS ATTITUDE" TOWARD THE SOVIET UNION.

The French and Russian Governments expelled each other's repatriation missions on Tuesday after the Russians protested against alleged persecution of Soviet nationals in France. Marquet told a news conference that the French Government had plotted for the past three months to evict the Russian mission in France and systematically carried out this plan. He said French charges against two officers of the Soviet repatriation mission were "without proof and false." Associated Press.

## BARCLAY ON BRIDGE

By SHEPARD BARCLAY

"THE AUTHORITY ON AUTHORITIES"

## IT SHOULD BE AN AXIOM

It should be an axiom of play for a club contract that when the declarer is able to take discards on the dummy's suit, he should select cards which cannot be disposed of by ruffing. In a series of several hundred hands, there probably would not be more than one or two exceptions to this. But unduly fast or careless play is likely to cause the not-too-experienced manipulator to unwittingly violate this fundamental. S. A. K. Q 176.

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## CARNIVAL

By Dick Turner



"Bamboo, ain't she, Duke? You always was one for flashy luggage!"

## Molotov Scores Points In London

By W. E. S. GALLAGHER

One implacable, impassive voice has dominated the first two weeks of the Foreign Ministers' conference. That voice has been the cold, measured one of Soviet Foreign Minister Vyacheslav M. Molotov—"Radio Molotov" beamed straight on Germany. No matter how much the Western Powers may hate to admit it, the "Russian hammer," in the opinion of persons close to the conference, has done exactly what they said they would stop him from doing at this meeting. And that is to use the conference as a sounding board for Soviet propaganda to the German people.

He has won the grudging admiration of at least one top American diplomatic figure who has privately compared him to Machiavelli and said Molotov is "one of the most skillful diplomats of this century with a style of the 17th Century." Molotov has been the quickest of the Big Four Ministers in thinking on his feet and replying to arguments. Never ruffled despite the most acid exchanges, Molotov uses a simple technique. He may answer a specific question with generalities or ignore the question altogether and pour out a list of accusations against the Western powers. No one yet has been able to pin him down to "yes" or "no."

## Patience

It was said before the conference that Marshall would seek a quick showdown on one of the main issues and if Russia was not "prepared to do business," break off negotiations. Once here, however,

Marshall is understood to have agreed with British Foreign Secretary Ernest Bevin who counselled "patience" and waiting as long as necessary for a settlement.

Given this opening, Molotov has been running high, wide and handsome in the diplomatic field. He has seized the propaganda and diplomatic initiative despite the fact that the Russian situation on Germany would appear to be untenable.

Russia wants US\$10,000,000,000 worth of reparations from Germany, international control of the Ruhr, cessation of the Marshall plan in Germany, withdrawal of American aid and about everything else the Germans would seem to consider necessary to put them on their feet. Likewise the Russians have stripped Eastern Germany for reparations, backed Polish demands for German territory, put hundreds of political enemies in jail, failed to return prisoners of war in any numbers, taken German workers to Russia as forced labour and erected a heavy zonal barrier across the middle of Germany. None of these acts endears Russia to the Germans.

Molotov seized the biggest assets he had and scampered away. This asset was that the Russians want a "central" Government for all of Germany with strong central powers.

## A Plebiscite

The Germans too, want a "strong central Government," and do not favour the weaker "federated" Government proposed by the Western powers. If it came down to a plebiscite whether the Germans would pay reparations and have a central Government, or not pay reparations and have a "weak federal administration," the Germans would in all probability choose reparations and central Government by a considerable margin.

Molotov thus had a cause he could push. He needed to obtain two objectives first. To avoid as long as possible talking on Russia's "weak" points such as economic unity, reparations, etc., and to talk as long and as often as possible on a central Government for Germany.

Day after day he repeated that Russia supported the immediate formation of a "liberal" democratic, peace-loving central Government for all of Germany. And further, that since the Western powers wanted to start drafting to start first, they were "opposing" the formation of such a Government. He ignored protests to the contrary, never bothering to answer them but bringing up Russia's stand time after time. Molotov thus was achieving an aim that the Western delegates feared he would try and were determined to stop. Associated Press.

## CZECH-SOVIET PACT

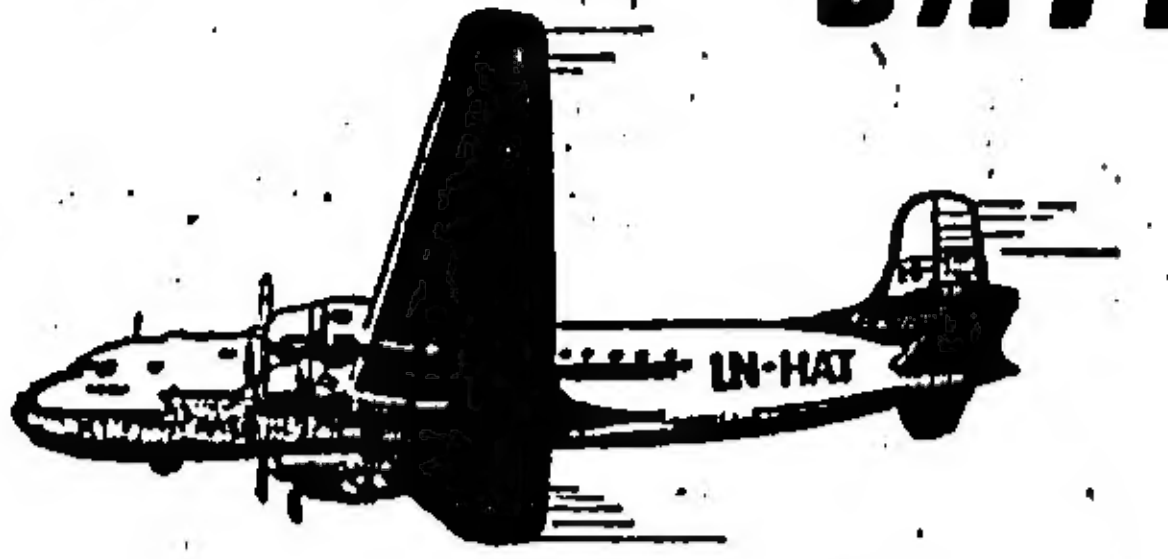
LONDON, Dec. 10.—Czechoslovakia, through its Minister of Foreign Trade, M. Hubert Ripka, signed a five-year trade pact with Soviet Russia in Moscow today. The pact was signed by the Czechoslovak Minister of Foreign Trade, M. Hubert Ripka, and the Soviet Minister of Foreign Trade, M. V. Litvinov.



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# SOVIET RATIONING TO GO?

## Buying Wave In Russia

Moscow, Dec. 10.

A member of the Politburo has announced that conditions have been created for "abolition during this year of rationing in the Soviet Union." He linked this with price revision.

The announcement was carried in a report by George Malenkov on the September Communist conference in Poland at which the Communist Information Bureau (Cominform) was created. Malenkov's statement, published in Pravda today was the first statement in the Soviet press for months on plans to end rationing.

Russians took it to mean that their ration cards would be gone before the end of the year.

Malenkov said, "The Soviet state has already carried out a series of measures for abolishing a multiplicity of prices with the purpose of preparation for the end of rationing." He did not say what this series of measures was. He implied they would be announced when rationing ends.

### Buying Wave

The Stockholm newspaper Morgen Tidningen published a despatch saying rumours of an impending end of rationing and a simultaneous exchange of paper money touched off a tremendous buying wave in Russia in the last days of November. Birger Lundberg, the paper's Moscow correspondent, said the purchase panic began on Nov. 29 when the more well-to-do Moscow residents stormed jewelry and fur shops, and Moscow's biggest department store.

Lundberg wrote, "They bought all they could get, valuables, fur coats, pianos, furniture. There are people who spent hundreds of thousands of rubles in one move who are still anxiously asking what they should do with hoarded ruble packs at home."

### Foreign Agents

He said that as supplies of luxury shops, stores and warehouses began to melt away, people became interested in food, vodka, caviar, fruit and all other choice commodities disappeared. Farmers withheld perishables from the market, sending eggs, butter and meat still higher.

Lundberg commented, "It was a remarkable spectacle to witness how mere rumour from month to month would create a panic unequalled in the 30-year history of the Revolution and

how the well-disciplined press pretended not to know what was happening while Moscow's shops were raked bare of goods."

Malenkov reported that "agents of foreign intelligence services" were persistently seeking weak points among several intelligentsia who bear on themselves the imprint of the old lack of faith in their own strength and are infected with the disease of apathy before everything foreign. Such people are fodder for foreign intelligence services.

### Most Important

He linked this as a primary cause with the present all-out campaign against servility to foreign influences being waged by the Soviet press, literary, scientific and other circles.

The report announced that the Central Committee of the Communist Party is working out a new official Party programme and preparing changes in Party statutes.

Malenkov reported that production of coal, copper, aluminium, nickel, electric power, tractors, and "several other types of machinery" had passed the pre-war level last July. Except for coal, this had not been disclosed previously.

Malenkov revealed, however, that the international situation had prevented the import of equipment needed by the Soviet economy.

Malenkov's report is considered one of the most important Soviet documents of the year.—Associated Press.

## MOTOR VESSEL DAMAGED

London, Dec. 10.

Lloyds shipping intelligence reported from Antwerp today that the Swedish motor vessel, Risgott (2,465 tons), had returned there today under its own power, contrary to first information that the vessel had run aground.

She was damaged slightly and was being repaired.—Reuter.

## NO KASHMIR SOLUTION REACHED

Lahore, Dec. 11.

Pandit Nehru, Prime Minister of India and Liaquat Ali Khan, Prime Minister of Pakistan, discussed the Kashmir question at a conference here late last night, but it is believed that they found no agreed solution to the problem.—Reuter.

## Accord Reached In Moscow

LONDON, DEC. 10.

BRITAIN AND RUSSIA WERE BELIEVED TODAY TO HAVE REACHED AN AGREEMENT IN PRINCIPLE FOR THE EXCHANGE OF BRITISH MACHINERY FOR SOVIET WHEAT AND TIMBER.

A high Government source said that Mr. Harold Wilson, President of the Board of Trade, was scheduled to leave Moscow by plane today to return to London, leaving behind a team of experts to work out quantities and other details of the agreement.

The source said that Mr. Wilson in his reports to London indicated that no snags or difficulties had arisen in his trade talks with the Soviet Trade Minister, A. J. Mikoyan. Mr. Wilson flew to Moscow a week ago.—United Press.

## Germs Greatest War Threat

Los Angeles, Dec. 10.

A germ weapon and not an atomic conflict is the great threat of any future war, warned Dr. Arthur Compton, noted scientist and Nobel prize winner.

He said he did not consider the atomic bomb alone was enough to win a war yet, "because in order to win you have still got to occupy a country."

Dr. Compton said within another decade bombs might be improved to a point where enemy countries could be blanketed with atomic warheads making occupation unnecessary.

"But before such an eventually arrives the forces at work to prolong peace may remove the threats of war," Dr. Compton said. He added these forces would commence the spread of idea and travel.

Dr. Compton believes the Russians would have the atomic

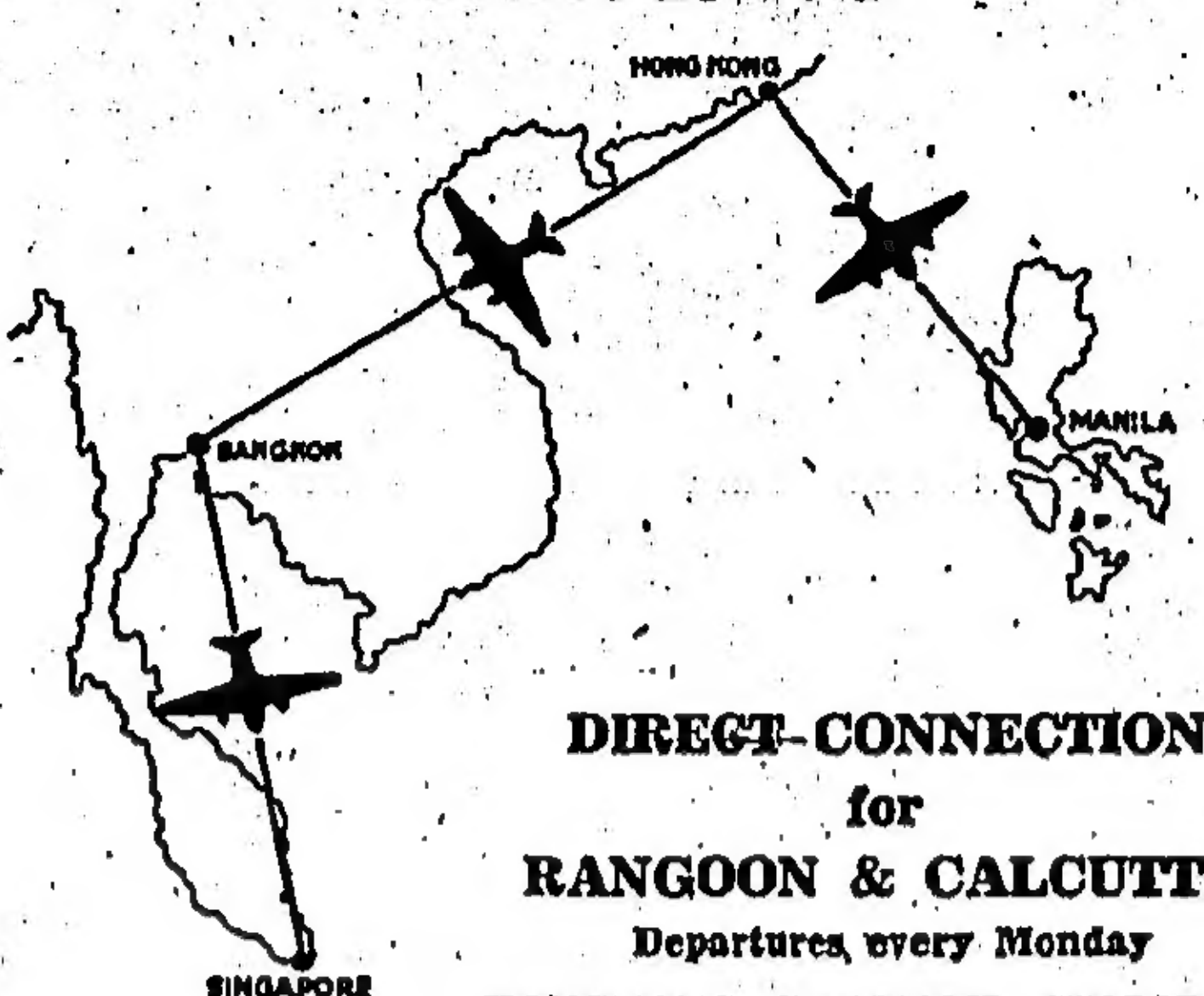
bomb within 10 years but of a rudimentary type. He added, "When they find out how much trouble it is to make a bomb I will not be surprised if the Russians adopt some other weapons, possibly germ warfare."

He said a war of germs could be more horrible than atomic warfare because germ weapons aim at wiping out all life whereas atomic weapons are primarily intended to destroy property.

Dr. Compton was chairman of the department of physics at the University of Chicago when the first chain reaction nuclear fission was produced there.—United Press.

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## Goebbel's Plan For Fashions

NUREMBERG, DEC. 10. GERMAN CHIEF CIVIL SERVANTS QUARRELED OVER WHETHER BERLIN OR PARIS SHOULD BE THE WORLD'S FASHION CENTRE WHEN PARIS FELL IN 1940. IT WAS REVEALED DURING THE TRIAL OF HIGH NAZI CIVIL SERVANTS HERE TODAY.

Otto Abetz, former German Ambassador in Paris, sent a memorandum to his chiefs in December 1940 in which he opposed a scheme by Goebbels to destroy the French fashion industry and to make Berlin the main centre, it was stated.

Abetz said that France would have to give up its heavy industry as the "future part of the German Reich" but should not have to give up the fashion industry.

But he proposed that France should not be allowed to export fashion creations, thus protecting German fashion houses. Abetz was then ordered to requisition new Paris creations. Consequently many French dress designers emigrated to New York.—Reuter.

## Search For U.S. Plane

Athens, Dec. 10.

A countrywide search in Greece for a United States military plane with four occupants, missing on a flight from Rome to Athens, was suspended at nightfall today and will be resumed tomorrow.

The last radio message received from the plane yesterday night, said the crew and one passenger were being kept in a lighted area.

The plane had run into a storm. The time had elapsed over Athens, it was said, but could not land owing to bad visibility.

The Duke of Athens, who has been in the city since his escape from the German occupation, said the plane was not seen by the search parties. The search was suspended at nightfall.—Reuter.



Headed by flag-bearers, a Communist contingent parades through the streets of Bari, Southern Italy, on their way to attend a meeting to discuss the results of the general strike, just concluded. (AP Photo)

## Fear Of Drop In Ruhr Coal

Essen, Dec. 10.

Coal production in the Ruhr, which surged upwards during the first fortnight of November, has now practically levelled off at a daily figure of just over 250,000 tons.

Experts, some of whom were a few weeks ago predicting the daily production figure at 300,000 tons in the immediate future, now now talking about a substantial drop in the near future.

Herr Heinrich Kott, 57-year-old mining technician who on Nov. 19 became head of the newly formed German coal management, is now running the mines under joint Anglo-American supervision and he himself forecasts that absenteeism is likely to increase sharply soon with a subsequent fall in production figures.

"At present miners who work the full number of shifts are receiving an premium in wages," he said, "which contains a danger of a drop in production if the premium is not continued." He added that the mines are now running at a level of 250,000 tons a day, which is a drop from the 300,000 tons a day which was the target figure.

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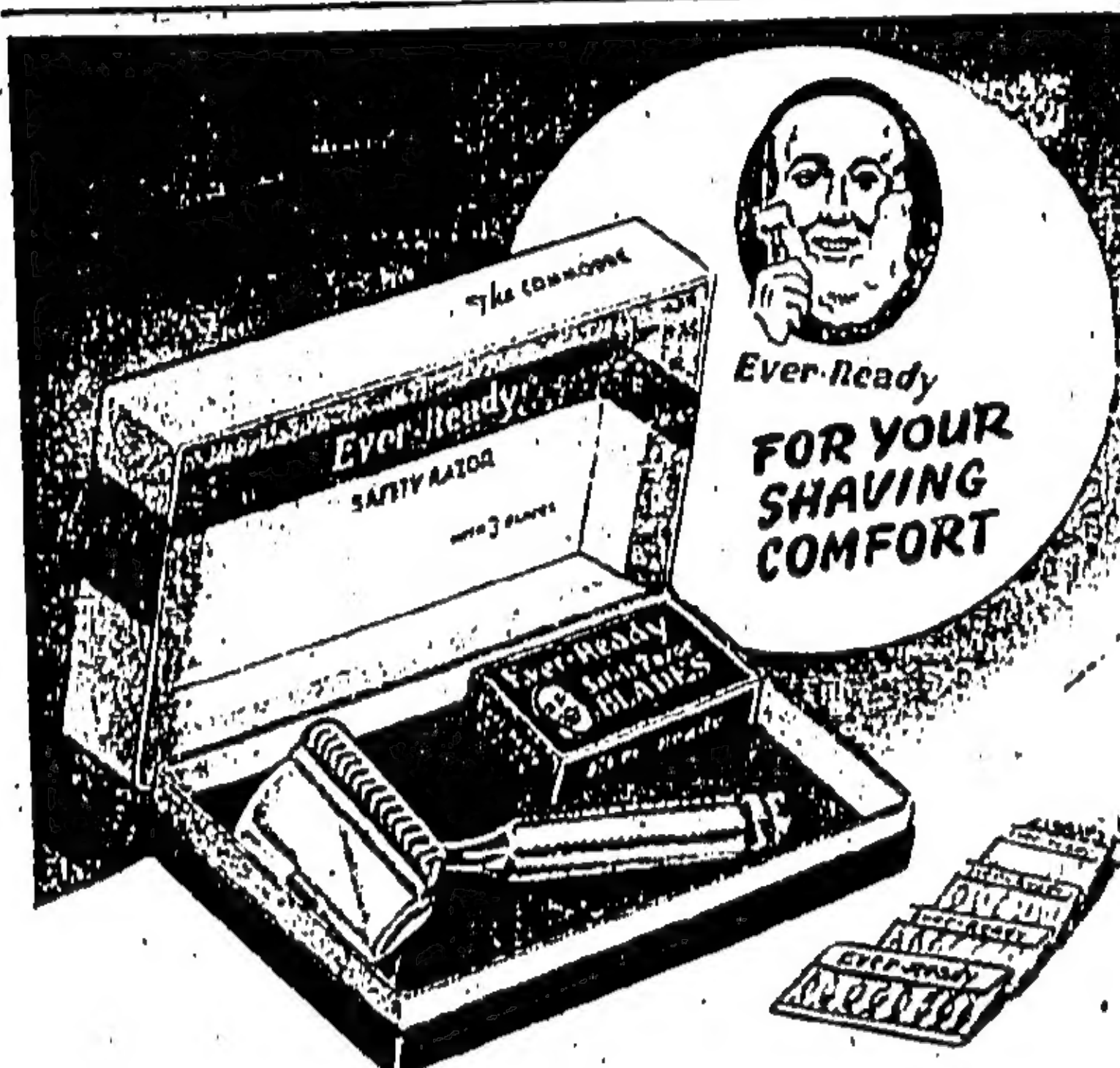
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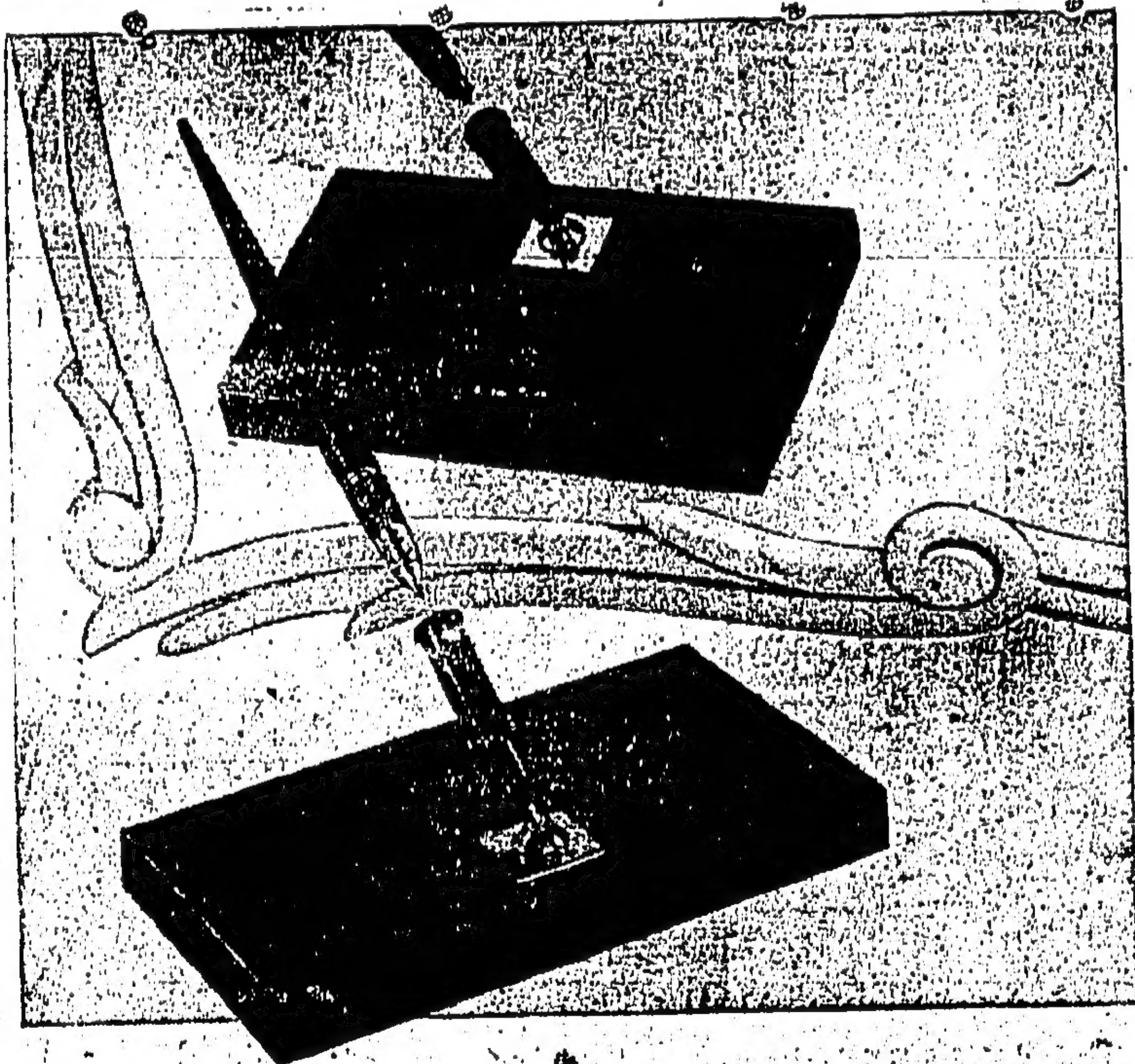


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# RISE IN PRICES FORECAST Chinese Distrust Of The Currency Nanking Policy Attacked

Shanghai, Dec. 11. Neutral economic experts said today that prices throughout China would increase steadily during the remainder of the year, despite the Government's stern measures against black market activities, and would "shoot up alarmingly" in the Chinese New Year unless cavities of inflation are promptly dealt with.

Half-way measures now in force or contemplated are having only a slowing effect on the country's economy. They said the Government must cut military appropriations sharply, revise export and import regulations, improve business and institute tax reforms hitting the rich as well as ordinary

prices and "missed attempts to reach a favourable export and import balance."

## No Help

Economic experts said that a 20 to 30 percent commodity price increase throughout China yesterday with the issuance of CN\$100,000 dollars bills in the best indication that businessmen distrust the currency, and the expected announcement soon of a CN\$40,000,000,000 budget is "not going to help much."

Workers are hardest hit in the current price jumps, with commodity prices, except in a few cases of price controls, reflecting the black market dollar price around CN\$140,000, while a coat of living index approximately 50,000 times the pre-war costs. The economic experts said that unless the cost of living index in Shanghai takes a major jump on the first of the year the workers will suffer undue hardships.

The price of white rice reached CN\$950,000 per picul (110 pounds), while the stock market situation is reflected in the price of Wing On textiles which found few, if any, buyers at the record price of 432, holders of Wing On shares preferring to hold stocks instead of currency.

Economic observers predicted that the Chinese New Year probably would be followed by alarming price increase unless the Government in the next six weeks brings expenditures in line with its income, which they said could only be done through the cutting of military expenditures—and this, they said, is virtually impossible because of the growing Communist threat.

## Bank Loans

The economic experts also pointed out such instances in Shanghai as the fish markets' boycott of UNRRA fishing catches, as one of the best examples of difficulties besetting the Government. One faction controlling the fish market refused to help UNRRA catches landing because it would force fish prices down, while other Government factions are seeking any sort of means to force prices down.

In Nanking, meanwhile, the Government Information Director, Hollington Tong, said that banks would grant loans to business and industrial firms once again "when comparative stability is achieved in the market." The Shanghai Chamber of Commerce petitioned the Government asking for resumption of loans to bona fide business and industrial firms, on the ground that the Government refusal, which is stifling local business activities, is contributing to the inflationary trend.

Tong said, "It has been the constant policy of the National banks to promote commerce and industry. Recently they were instructed by the Government to suspend loans to business firms as a temporary measure necessitated by the sharp rise of commodity prices."—United Press.

## No More Talks Yet On The Sudan

London, Dec. 11.

In the present circumstances it would be premature to consider an immediate resumption of the Anglo-Egyptian negotiations on the Sudan, Mr. Hector McNeill, Minister of State, told the House of Commons today in reply to a question.

Mr. Thomas Reid, Labour, had asked if negotiations would be resumed to secure the "much needed" early settlement of Anglo-Egyptian differences about the Sudan, in the common interests of all three parties now that there are definite proposals, British and Egyptian, about the constitutional development in the Sudan.

Mr. McNeill's reply was that "the position is not quite as he visualizes. The Sudan Government, it is true, have endorsed the proposals for constitutional development in the Sudan, which remain the subject of a conference at Cairo, but the Egyptian Government have not yet agreed to the proposals, and the British Government have not yet agreed to the proposals."

## NOT LEAVING

London, Dec. 11.

Lord Pakenham, British Minister in charge of occupation affairs, told: "The Sudan Government have not yet agreed to the proposals, and the British Government have not yet agreed to the proposals."



Mr. Robert Schuman, Premier of France, under whose firm leadership the Communist-inspired strikes have been broken. (A.P. Photo)

## FRENCH STRIKES DRAW TO A CLOSE

Paris, Dec. 10.

Most of France's 1,000,000 strikers resumed work today after an absence of three weeks, but the Executive Committee of the General Confederation of Labour announced at midday that it would continue to fight for the "release of imprisoned strikers," and the abrogation of the Government's anti-strike law. The Confederation yesterday ordered the strikers back to work after the Government's warning of sterner measures if there is not a big scale return today.

In a communique today, the Confederation announced that it might postpone its national congress from Dec. 19 until the government wage proposals, accepted last night, became effective.

The return of strikers in the port of Marseilles was not complete although some began work for the first time for 28 days and sailors rejoined their ships. It was hoped that omnibus and tramcar services would be running normally by this evening.

Miners in the Lorraine area were ordered to stay out and pickets prevented those who wanted to return to work from entering the pits at Sallou mines.

Paris housewives had enough gas pressure for cooking, water pressure was back and work to clear the boulevards and streets of heaps of rubbish was started.

## Premier's Broadcast

The Prime Minister, M. Robert Schuman, told the French people in a broadcast tonight: "The last strikes are drawing to a close today. Work starts again. The country breathes once more. The only victory of which the Government hoped one day to be proud, M. Schuman continued, is the victory over misery, injustice and exploitation of distress."

## CEYLON A DOMINION

London, Dec. 10.

The Ceylon Independence Bill, which makes Ceylon an independent nation within the British Commonwealth, was passed by the House of Lords today.

The Royal Assent, which makes it law, was being given later in the evening.

—Reuter.

these among many other losses have been inflicted on the country by three weeks of strikes.

## Unrelenting Fight

"The Government has shown firmness on the side of workers against saboteurs of employment and will join with workers in their unrelenting fight against food saboteurs," M. Schuman said.

Requesting farmers to make available all their products, he said: "From this week, the Government will undertake negotiations, out of which will come a general settlement of economic and social problems."

"If everyone brings to his task the same goodwill, a spirit of hope will arise. If this fails the Government will show that it can use its authority as much against those who strike as against those who spread dis-

## Tasmania Graft Case

Hobart, Tasmania, Dec. 11.

A Royal commission investigating charges of graft against Premier Robert Cosgrove has decided to allow Cosgrove to be indicted.

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## Sunday Herald PHOTOGRAPHIC COMPETITION

### AMENDED RULES

The rules of the competition are as follows:

1. The contest is an Open Competition, for Amateurs.
2. Pictures entered must have been taken by the entrant, who will nominate the Section.
3. No print or enlargement more than 10 inches in the largest dimension will be accepted.
4. The competition will be divided into the following Sections:
  - A. Portraits and People
  - B. Land or Seascapes
  - C. Action Pictures
  - D. Animals and Pets
  - E. For Children Only (any subject) (Age limit 15 years).
5. The competition will close on December 19, and the Newspaper, Enterprise Limited will award monthly prizes of \$50, \$25, and \$10. In addition, prizes of \$50, \$25 and \$10 will be awarded in each Section. The three best pictures entered will be awarded the Grand Prizes of \$250, \$100, and \$50.
6. All photographs submitted must be available for reproduction in any of the publications of Newspaper Enterprise Limited, and must be accompanied by the attached coupon, the copyright for publication in Hong Kong of all prize-winning pictures to belong to the "Sunday Herald".
7. The decisions of the Judges in the Monthly and Section Prizes to be final.
8. Judging of the three Grand Prizes to be chosen by popular vote, following a display to be held at the end of December.

The "Sunday Herald" takes pleasure in announcing that the \$1,000 photographic competition is extended until December 19, a decision reached on discovery that many amateurs have been under a misapprehension as to the nature of the competition. The extension of time will give them an opportunity to get their entries in. Messrs. K.A. Watson, Francis Wu, J.C.M. Grenham and R.A. Bates have kindly consented to adjudicate when the competition is concluded.

Prizes will be awarded for The Three Best Pictures submitted up to November 19, the Three Best to December 19, and the Three Best in Each Section.

The Grand Prizes of \$250, \$100, \$50 will go to the Three Best Entries, to be decided by popular vote.

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# MARSHALL ON THE ATTACK

## Bid For Showdown On Reparations

### NO HELP FOR SATELLITES

Washington, Dec. 10. The House of Representatives tonight voted by 78 to 37 votes to halt all help under the interim aid bill to any country whose government falls under the domination of Russia or the Communists.

The House also approved by 109 votes to 37 an amendment to require anti-Communist affidavits from individuals or recipient countries who would distribute the aid supplies.—Reuter.

### Asiatic Peoples Confab

LONDON, DEC. 10. AN ADVISORY COMMITTEE OF LONDON REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ASIATIC AND AFRICAN PROGRESSIVE MOVEMENTS IS TO BE FORMED IN LONDON TO PREPARE FOR A "CONFERENCE OF EUROPEAN, ASIATIC AND AFRICAN PEOPLES," TO BE HELD IN MILAN EARLY NEXT YEAR.

The Committee will include members from the Socialist Party of India, the Indo-Chinese Vietnam Movement and the Pan-African League.

Its formation was decided on at a meeting last night between representatives of these movements and the French and British members of the "United Socialist States of Europe Movement" which originated the plan for the Milan Conference.

The conference is to discuss the coordination of the economy of Socialist Europe with the economies of the Asiatic nations "in the process of liberation from colonial rule" and with the economic development of Africa.—Reuter.

## Red Withdrawals From Germany

Secretary of State George Marshall declared last night that the Soviet Union was taking US-\$500,000,000 annually in German assets out of the Russian occupied zone and demanded that such withdrawals cease within three weeks.

Launching his first offensive in the Council of Foreign Ministers, Marshall made a bid for a showdown on the issue of reparations which may make or break the present conference within a matter of days.

In reference to the Soviet demand for US\$10,000,000,000 in reparations from Germany out of current production, Marshall said: "I wish it to be clearly understood that the United States is not prepared to agree to any programme of reparations from current production as a price for the unification of Germany."

He said that while the United States and Britain are pouring US\$700,000,000 annually into Germany "to keep the Germans alive," the Russians in their zone were steadily draining away German assets. He added: "Also in that area German businesses, through a device or another, are being brought under Soviet ownership and placed in a gigantic Soviet trust."

### At Once

"Thus, in effect, much of the German economy operates for the Soviet account. Also much German manpower is being taken out of productive effort, either through forcible seizure or under the colours of contracts which are imposed."

"This is a situation which needs to be corrected at once. Correction cannot be delayed for a decision at some indefinite future time. Before then, German economy most probably would be so wrecked that its dead weight would drag down and submerge the economy of all Europe."

He then submitted a request to the Council to rule that from next Jan. 1 "nothing shall be taken out of Germany except for a fair economic value in money or goods which can be immediately used to sustain the German economy."

"This decision shall stand until further action by the Council, or pursuant to a peace treaty, but shall not apply to agreed reparations deliveries in capital goods."

### Soviet Answer

Conference sources said that the Soviet Foreign Minister V. M. Molotov said he would answer Marshall's charges when "reparations" come up on the agenda, possibly on Thursday.

There were strong indications that the American position is that unless the Soviet Union drops its reparations claims from current production and "firm" agreements are achieved on economic principles, there is little use in going on with the present meeting.

Molotov conceded that the Soviet view on reparations differed from the Western view and said, according to conference sources, "As for the considerations just stated by the United States delegation, they

London, Dec. 10.

are unfounded and the Soviet delegation will prove them unfounded when the question of reparations from current production comes under discussion.

Some additional developments of the session, according to official observers:

### New Currency

Marshall proposed that the four powers institute currency reform in Germany by next March, the French and British agreed and Russia reserved its position. Molotov brought up the matter that the United States has printed a new currency for possible issue in Germany and said, "This suggests the possibility of unilateral action in matters of financial reform."

Marshall replied, "The United States Government has taken no decision to bring in new currency in its zone or jointly with any other zone."

The United States agreed to public ownership of certain industries on the condition that the German people as a whole first vote on such nationalisation. This was agreed to by Russia and Britain. France reserved her position until it is decided what controls should be placed on some industries.

### Wasting Time

Apparently determined to put Molotov on the defensive, Marshall started off the meeting with a blunt demand that the Soviet Union produce figures showing reparations removals and the economic progress in the Eastern zone of Germany, which Molotov had refused on Tuesday.

"If we cannot take this economic decision which is of immediate, vital significance, then we are wasting our time when there is no time to waste," Marshall said.

Marshall said: The Western powers had made economic information available and declared: "I am naturally unable to perceive justification of withholding by the Soviet Union of information which I consider necessary. Such an attitude makes the discussion here unreal."

Molotov replied that the procedure for the Allied Control Council in Berlin did not provide for making such information available, and when it did so he would supply the information.—Associated Press.

### FILM CHIEF FINED

Ascot, Dec. 10. Mr. Mark Ostrer, the film chief, of South Ascot, was fined £500 at Ascot for carrying out work to a 100-year old house with 35 bedrooms at King's Beches, Sunninghill, Berkshire, in excess of the maximum licensed by the Ministry.

Mr. Charles Kirpton, of Sunningdale, the architect who carried out the work, was fined £50.

Licences were granted for the work to cost £2,783, but this sum was exceeded by £2,000.—Reuter.

## Spirit Of Revenge In Germany

PARIS, DEC. 10. MR. ALFRED DUFF-COOPER, THE RETIRING BRITISH AMBASSADOR, WHO IS LEAVING PARIS NEXT WEEK, SAID TODAY THAT HE BELIEVED THAT THE "SPIRIT OF REVENGE" HAD DEEPLY ENTERED THE HEARTS OF THE GERMANS.

"People today see, or think they see, a larger enemy looming on the horizon, but Germany is still there," he told guests at a farewell luncheon given him by the Anglo-American Press Association.

"The only difference is that they now have two wars to avenge instead of one. The majority of Germans regard Hitler as a hero of their country."

"I believe that the spirit of revenge has deeply entered their hearts."

"We may send them school books and tell them that Hitler is a bad man, but does anybody suppose that they are going to believe it?"

"Close relations between Britain and France are a guarantee against the revival of the German threat, or, indeed, against any other 'peril'." —Reuter.

### EX-MINISTER ARRESTED

Belgrade, Dec. 11. M. Buzojic, former Rumanian Minister and member of M. Constantin Bratnu's National Liberal Party, was arrested when trying to cross the Rumanian-Hungarian frontier, Tanjug, the Yugoslav news agency, reported today from Bucharest.

M. Buzojic was trying to cross the border illegally with the aim of reaching the United States occupation Zone of Austria, the agency said, adding that he would be tried for participating in the "terrorist organisation of Dr. Manlu." —Reuter.



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"RUBY STONE"	Bombay via Straits	16th Dec.
"ORMARA"	Shanghai	21st Dec.
"TREVOSE"	Genoa, London, Antwerp, Rotterdam (Amsterdam) via Straits & Colombo	24th Dec.
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"STRAAT MALAKKA"	South Africa In Port	Manila, Singapore, Mauritius, Laurens, Marques, Beira, Durban, East London, Port Elizabeth, Mombasa, Capetown, Buenos Aires, Monte- video, Santos, Rio de Janeiro, 26th Dec.

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"VAN HEUTSZ"	Belawan, Deli, Penang, Singapore 13th Dec. Sailing for Swatow & Amoy	Singapore, Penang & Belawan Deli 22nd Dec.

<b>"HEINRICH JESSEN"</b>	Belawan, Deli Penang, Singapore 21st Dec. Sailing for Swatow & Amoy	Singapore, Penang & Belawan Deli 9th Jan. 1948.
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"MOLENKERK"	Europe end of January	Manila/Singapore/ Colombo/ Port Said/Haifa/ Genoa/Marseilles/ Antwerp/Rotterdam/ Amsterdam/Hamburg/ Copenhagen/ Göteborg/ Oslo, beginning of February 1948.

	In Port	Loading for
"ALPHERAT"	Manila/Singapore/ Colombo/P. Said/Haifa Genoa/Marseilles/ Antwerp/Rotterdam/ Amsterdam/Hamburg/ Copenhagen/Göteborg, end of Feb.	

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# FRESH LOAN WITHDRAWAL May Last Until End Of February Gap In Dollar Supplies

Washington, Dec. 10.

The Treasury announced today that Britain has withdrawn \$100,000,000 from the remaining \$400,000,000 of the United States loan to Britain.

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It is the first time that Britain has benefited from this loan since convertibility was suspended in the middle of last August.

British officials declined to give any estimate as to the future rate of such withdrawals, but they expressed the view that it is hoped the loan will last until the end of next February.

British officials stressed, however, that today's withdrawal would mean no change whatever in Britain's present dollar-purchasing schedule and that it was intended merely to maintain the strict austerity level of living.

The withdrawal coincided with a dispatch from Mr. Joseph Alsop, the New York Herald Tribune columnist, which claimed that the visit of Mr. Lewis Douglas, United States Ambassador in London, to Washington last month, was directly concerned with the problem of the loan's unfreezing.

## A Gap

He claimed that there would inevitably be a gap between the final exhaustion of the loan funds and the implementation of the Marshall Plan and reported that the United States Treasury was now exploring plans to overcome this difficulty.

Mr. Alsop said that one of the British Government's expedients in seeking to bridge the gap in dollar supplies would "probably involve mortgaging the few remaining dollar securities which Britain holds."

If Britain's reserves in hard assets fall below \$2,000,000,000, there would be "an acute danger of a run on the Bank of England and the present sterling area would fall to pieces and normal trade would cease," Mr. Alsop said.—Reuter.

## Money Market

Gold dropped heavily to \$308 a ton yesterday shortly after opening at \$314.50. The market was still weak when it closed at \$308.75.

Platinum also dropped. Opening at \$11.05 a 100 the rate fell to \$10.74 at the close.

Chinese National Currency recovered after the previous day's setback. Futures opened at 34 cts. and closed at 34 1/2 cts.

U.S. dollars were quiet at \$5.07. Sterling spurted to \$13.27. Australian pounds were unchanged at \$12.51.

In Shanghai yesterday (says Reuter) open market rates were unchanged. CN\$72,000 (buyers) and CN\$74,000 (sellers) for the U.S. dollar, and CN\$222,000 (buyers) and CN\$228,000 (sellers) for Sterling.

NEW YORK SILVER & GOLD

New York, Dec. 10. Silver, Bar (asked price) 74 3/4 cts. Bar Gold, per fine ounce (official) \$35; (N.Y. unofficial) \$33 nom.—Reuter.

LONDON SILVER & GOLD

London, Dec. 10. Silver, Spot, per fine ounce 45d. Forward, per fine ounce 44 1/2 d. Bar Gold, per fine ounce 172 1/2.—Reuter.

Notice to Consignees

S.S. "MYRMIDON"

Damaged cargo on the above vessel will be surveyed at H.O.T. Wharf between the hours 10 a.m. to 12 noon on 15th December, 1947, and consignees representatives are requested to be present during the survey.

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Hongkong, 11th December, 1947.

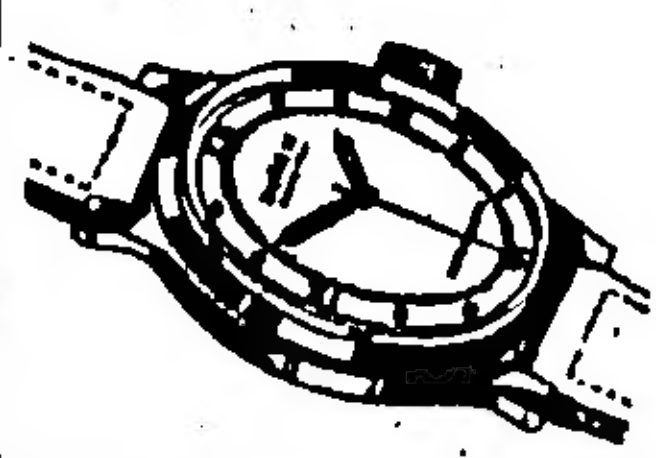
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### New Plans For Amateur Swimming

The Victoria Recreation Club convened a meeting on Wednesday to discuss the formation of an Amateur Swimming Association in Hong Kong.

The Chairman of the V.R.C., the Hon. A. Morse, C.B.E., presided and all interested clubs as well as the Services were represented.

Agreement was reached on certain broad principles. It is hoped that another meeting will be convened in the near future to study proposals which may be submitted by interested parties in the meantime.

### RAF Beat Signals At Cricket

In a cricket match played between the R.A.F. (Kai Tak) and K. Signal Squadron the former won by 4 wickets.

SIGNALS					
Dean, lbw, Marmann	19				
Dunn, b Hodgson	22				
Griffiths, b Hodgson, b Marmann	0				
Cockerill, not out	8				
Parker, b Marmann	6				
Withers, run out	4				
Falvey, b Hodgson, b Owen	0				
Extras	16				
Total (for 6 declared)	66				
	M. M. R. W.				
Owen	8	2	1	14	
Hodgson	8	2	1	21	
Marmann	4	2	3	6	
Wilson	3	0	0	6	
	R. A. F.				
Marmann, c Withers, b Dean	4				
Newson, b Dean	36				
Comper, not out	36				
Skinner, not out	12				
Extras	10				
Total (for 2 declared)	67				
	M. M. R. W.				
Dean	3	0	2	34	
Cockerill	6	2	0	17	
Ford	1	0	0	7	

### Visitors Lead By 2 At Interval

Playing the last game of their tour, the Malayan Chinese football team lost to the Sing Tao English Touring team on the Club ground yesterday by five clear goals, after being two goals in arrears at the interval.

The heavy ground greatly affected the play of the visitors while Sing Tao seemed to be early at home to ground conditions.

Malaya started off promisingly. The game was not many minutes old, however, when Chui Wing-keung opened the scoring after the goalkeeper had fumbled a shot.

With Fung King-cheung doing all the scheming and Chan Kam-hoi using his wings to full advantage, the Malayan defence was given a grueling time for the first quarter of an hour.

An injury to Chia Boon-ling, the star inside forward, took

much of the sting out of the Malayan attack.

Chiu was forced to leave the field for attention but, when he did return, he was usual self.

In goal, Chu Chee-sang, was kept very busy and was peppered with shots from all angles. He found the handling of the slippery ball very difficult.

#### The Game

After Sing Tao had opened the scoring, Malaya took up the offensive and gave the Sing Tao defence a grueling time.

Gosano saved a sure goal when he cleared off the goal line with Chui beaten.

On another occasion the ball was in the goal mouth for a time but there was no Malayan forward able to score.

Sing Tao scored the second goal from a well-placed corner which resulted in Chan Kam-hoi netting from close in.

The play was still fast after this with Malaya having their share of the game.

Sing Tao's intermediate line showed up well under pressure. There was no further scoring in the first half.

Malaya made several positional changes in the second half but the game was not long started when Chui Wing-keung added another goal from a good penalty shot.

For the next 15 minutes Malaya still played well and tried hard but after this it was obvious that they were tiring and they did not appear so speedy.

Further goals were added for Sing Tao by Ho Ying-fan and Chan Kam-hoi.

Malay Chui Chee-sang, Chung Kwok-hing and Tam Kwan-lee, Lee Yung Koh-cheung and Lee Kwan Shun-lee, Ha Te-ling, Day Yuen-wah, Chia Boon-ling and Yung Ching-ang.

Sing Tao—Chui Shui-hang, H. Gosano, and Ha Yung-seng; Fung Kwan-shing, Ha Kung-seng and Soong Ling-ling; Ho Ying-fan, Fung King-cheung, Chui Wing-keung, Chang Kam-hoi and Lau Chung-ang.

#### GOOD WISHES

When the Lien Hwa, Malayan Chinese football team leave for home today by plane they will carry with them the best wishes of the football public of Hong Kong.

No visiting team, since the liberation, has created a better impression that our recent visitors.

On the field of play they played as the game should be played, and off the field were at all times "perfect gentlemen."

No only has several members of the team become very popular with the Chinese public but many of the players have made good friends with the Non-Chinese.

They may not have won many games, but they won the most important one—the unofficial Interpol.

They have made no excuses for their defeats, and were generous in their praise for their opponents.

It is to be hoped that they will return soon and Hong Kong will always be ready to welcome them.

### Two Discharged In Attempted Murder Case

Mak Chung, alias Man Chung, and Choi Kan, who appeared before Mr. Justice T.J. Gould (Puisne Judge), at the Criminal Sessions yesterday on a charge of wounding with intent to murder, were discharged, the Crown entering a nolle prosequi.

It has been alleged that the accused, together with others not in custody, had attacked Wan Yiu on June 10 at con-nagau Road West.

Mr. E.H. Salisbury appeared on behalf of the Crown, while the accused were represented by Mr. M.A. de Silva.

Addressing the Court when the case was called, Mr. Salisbury said that the prosecution relied on the evidence of the injured man, who was unable to attend Court. The Attorney General had therefore decided to enter a nolle prosequi.

The fuel Ministry announced last night that coal production last week rose to 4,298,700 tons, which is 35,500 tons more than the previous week and the highest since 4,313,600 tons were mined in the week of Aug. 24, 1940.—United Press.

## Ortiz Will Fight Kane ---But Not "Anywhere"

Manila, Dec. 11. The world bantamweight champion, Manuel Ortiz, when told today that Peter Kane, European title holder, was prepared to fight him in America for expenses alone, said, "I'll tackle anybody. I'm ready for Kane any time."

O. Curtis, his manager quickly added: "But not anywhere."

Curtis explained that, in London, taxes take about 50 percent of the gate, while for the US\$2,500 guaranteed purse for Ortiz's fight with Tirso del Rosario in Manila on December 20, tax was free.

The money has been posted in Los Angeles.

Ortiz, two and three quarter pounds overweight for his fight with the Filipino champion, said he expects to make the weight easily.—Associated Press.

## New "Passed" Ball Rule In Softball

(By "Grandstand")

A recent managers' meeting has confirmed that runners will not be allowed to score from third base on a "passed" ball, the reason for the departure from the Official Rule laid down being due to the fact that existing conditions on the play fields available do not permit of a suitable back-stop or fence to be erected 25 feet behind home-plate.

The 1947 edition of the Official Rules also entitled a player "hit by a pitched ball" to first base, but the meeting also agreed to drop this rule for the current league game. Last Sunday Umpire Don Robbins awarded a base under such circumstances to Hobo Gomes for the Rest against India but, as that particular game did not count in the league, the exception did not apply.

At the request of several clubs for "home" games to be played on their own ground, the meeting agreed to accommodate them in this respect and a new schedule, spreading games over five venues, has been re-arranged and circulated to managers of "A" Division and Women's team.

The "B" Division schedule is being arranged and will be available in the near future.

#### WEEK-END FIXTURES

##### Ladies' League

##### SATURDAY

##### MARINA GROUND

3.00 p.m.—Acas v. Beas (Umpires: Billy Soares, G. Quinn, A. Campos).

##### SUNDAY

##### C.B.A. GROUND

2.30 p.m.—Wildcats v. Canadians (Umpires: W. Lawrence, Billy Soares, Moosdeen).

##### "A" Division Men's

##### SUNDAY

##### C.B.A. GROUND

9.30 a.m.—St. Joseph's v. Rovers (Umpires: Saby Samy, S. Hamet, Ren Sequiera).

11.15 a.m.—Madenps v. South China (Umpires: Hal Wing-lee, B. Abong, Jack Brown).

##### RECREIO FOOTBALL GROUND

9.30 a.m. Football v. H.K.B.C. (Umpires: Bill Woo, A. V. Lopes, G. Roza-Pereira).

11.15 a.m.—Canadians v. V.R.C. (Umpires: "Doc" Molthen, G. Roza, J. Gomes).

##### RECREIO FOOTBALL

11.15 a.m.—Filipino v. Recreio (Umpires: S. Leonard, R. Castro, A. Ramjahn).

##### "B" Division Men's

##### SATURDAY

##### C.B.A. GROUND

2.45 p.m.—Rexos v. Rangers (Umpires: Molthen, P. Remedios & Los Castro).

4.00 p.m.—Josephians v. Cosmos (Umpires: Philo Remedios, A. R. Sam, H. Moosdeen).

##### SUNDAY

##### C.B.A. GROUND

1.00 p.m.—Wildcats v. Jaguars (Umpires: H. Winglee, P. Remedios, H. Moosdeen).

##### RECREIO FOOTBALL GROUND

1.00 p.m.—Braves v. United Nations (Ed. Marques, Leo Tavares, K. S. Gill).

2.30 p.m.—Daredevils v. Blue Beetles (Umpires: P. Remedios, J. Samy, Moosdeen).

## 33 Taxis Put Off Streets For Touting

"Touting" in the streets for fares has resulted in the cancellation of 33 public hire car licences by the Traffic Authorities the "China Mail" learned yesterday.

The drivers and owners of the 33 cars had been warned on three occasions by the Police. One public hire car company has had its business suspended for three months following three official warning letters from the Police.

## Double - Crossed His Friend -- Both Go To Gaol

A story of vengeance by double-crossing for interference in a love affair concluded yesterday at Kowloon Magistracy when Mr. Latimer sentenced Hui Sik-yuen and Ng Yuk-chiu to 18 months and 30 months hard labour, respectively. Both accused were recommended for banishment.

According to the Prosecuting Officer, Det. Insp. Franklin, second defendant asked a friend, Chau Yuen, at Kowloon City, on Nov. 16 whether he would receive a reward on having a friend arrested with a revolver.

Chau brought Ng to the Shamshui Police Station where it was arranged to have first defendant arrested.

Ng was to indicate Hui by scratching his head when the latter turned up at the junction of Haiphong Road and Nathan Road to take a bus to Kowloon City.

Hui, when arrested attempted to put his hand into an inner pocket but was foiled by Police. This action, the prosecution contended, showed that Hui had guilty knowledge, while Ng, it was claimed, was the prime mover of the double-cross.

In his evidence, Ng said he overheard another man telling Hui that he had gun which he wanted to take to Kowloon City.

#### Love Interest

Hui, in his evidence, told the Magistrate that it was all a "frame-up" by Ng because the latter wanted revenge for his (Hui) interference in Ng's love affairs.

He said that he and his wife lived in a hut in Kowloon City with Ng and two women.

He had, warned second defendant not to bother the women, which Ng resented very much.

Ng had given him a parcel wrapped in a handkerchief on the day of the arrest.

Ng himself put it into Hui's inner pocket just before the police came on the scene.

Second defendant, had told him, Hui said, that the gun was given to him (Ng) by a man from Wai-chow. Hui said he did not know about the gun until told by the police.

## INDIAN-AUSTRALIA TEST BEGINS TODAY

Sydney, Dec. 11. India's team for the second Test match tomorrow will not be chosen until tonight. At present the condition of the ground and pitch may allow a start at noon but everything depends on the weather tonight and early tomorrow morning.

Although preparations have been hampered by recent weather the actual pitch has been well covered, including the sides and approaches.

Gabled tarpaulins have enabled the rain to run off well clear of the batsmen's and bowlers' areas.

Nevertheless, the prospect of unsettled weather conditions is likely to favour bowlers, who will be able to use the heavy atmosphere.

If the side winning the toss takes full advantage of the available conditions it should take command of the situation as the long distance forecast is that rain will fall next week.

Rain again prevented the Indians from practising today.

Late yesterday afternoon eight members of the Australian team attended the ground but the soft pitch played all sorts of pranks and Hassett classified it as exercise and not practice.

Amarnath was justified in not using the nets as there is always a chance that the match wicket will roll out fairly well and be faster than the practice wickets, in which case his batsmen would have wasted their time in today's quagmire.

#### Toshack Out

Having failed to pass a medical test Ernest Toshack who took 11 wickets and 31 runs during the Brisbane test, has been omitted from Australia's team for the second Test which begins here on Friday.

Victoria's left-handed batsman Neil Harvey, 18-year-old and the youngest of five cricketing brothers, has been included among the Australians from whom the team will finally be chosen.

## Peace For Ten Years

San Francisco, Dec. 11. Dr. Arthur H. Compton, Nobel prize-winning atomic physicist, today forecast peace for another 10 years, but warned that million of persons would die in an atomic war "if things go wrong."

He added: "I will not say another war will wipe everybody off the face of the earth and it will not destroy civilisation—there will be some places left. But it will be an enormous setback. We will have to start all over from the way back."

The Chancellor of the Washington University said, on the other hand, that 10 years of peace would go a long way toward preventing a Third World War.

"The forces which unified the United States are at present at work throughout the world and 10 years of peace will strengthen the trend to permanent peace," Dr. Compton said.—United Press.

## They Got The Benefit Of The Doubt

The benefit of the doubt was given to Chan Sau-pang and his lady friend, San Wai-ying, when they appeared at Central Magistracy before Mr. J.G. Conklin on a charge of giving false information to the police.

Insp. Reddish said that he saw public vehicle No. 4741 in a private car park in Hill Road. The driver saw him and immediately began to move.

The driver, Insp. Reddish alleged, told him he was waiting for a woman who had ordered him to pick her up to go to a Chinese herbalist's as her child was sick.

At San's house Chan asked the woman, "You rang for a taxi to take you to the herbalist's at 10-30, didn't you?"

After a moment's hesitation she replied "Yes."

The herbalist said that she had no appointment but in Court said that the child was sick and the woman could have been going to bring the child to see him.

## Two French Poodles By Plane

New York, Dec. 10. Two French poodles arrived by plane at La Guardia field and just as customs inspectors were about to levy a 15 per cent tax on the dogs, one gave birth to six puppies.

Posed with the problem of whether to tax two dogs the night, the inspectors finally decided the pups were American citizens and therefore tax free.—United Press.

## Ban On Bertram Brooke

London, Dec. 11. Sir Waidron Smithers, Conservative, asked the Colonial Secretary, Mr. Arthur Creech Jones, in the House of Commons today why he still refused to allow Mr. Bertram Brooke—brother of the former White Rajah of Sarawak, Sir Charles Vyner Brooke—and his son, Mr. Anthony Brooke, to enter Sarawak.

Mr. Creech Jones replied that Mr. Bertram Brooke had not applied for permission to enter Sarawak and that he gave reasons for the expulsion of Mr. Anthony Brooke on December 19 last. To that, he said, he had nothing to add.

On December 19, Mr. Anthony Jones said that Mr. Bertram Brooke had sustained and encouraged opposition to the cessation of Sarawak to the Crown and the demand for the restoration of the Raj with himself or his father as Rajah.—Reuter.

## Readers' Letters

### Anti-T.B. Aid

Sir,—For your constant help and encouragement to the Anti-T.B. effort, the Colony's T.B. sufferers, nay the whole community, should be ever indebted to you. It is sad that the misleading idea that any Anti-T.B. work will only benefit the poor and does not concern the rich is still so deeply rooted here. It is strange that the rich actually behave like the proverbial catfishes toward our T.B. menace. The infection of T.B. generally takes place in childhood and development of the disease takes place in young adult life. With T.B. sufferers so prevalent around us, the children of the rich as well as the poor are in constant danger wherever they go, the schools, the cinemas, the restaurants, and even in one's home where an amah or a house-boy or a cook may unsuspectingly be harbouring the disease. If only the rich can realise this fact and are sensible enough to face it, the need of the H.K. Anti-T.B. Association of seven lakhs for its projected sanatorium with so many wealthy people and big firms around us should be easily taken care of.

There is another fact which we should know, that is that the great majority of those developing T.B. are young people at the most productive period of their lives—hence they become a great economic liability. Instead of a great asset as they should be to our human society, in other words, while these young people should be producing and enriching our community, because of T.B. they become not only useless but wasteful to society, and a burden to us all.

Indeed, the relatively small number of beds to be available in the projected sanatorium is a handicap to our effort in solving our gigantic problem. However, there is a way to minimise this short-coming.

(1) Set up a medical committee, consisting of a chest physician, and surgeon and a radiologist, to select cases for admission to the sanatorium.

(2) Only early open cases which can be converted to non-infectious and "be" generally benefited by a short stay in the sanatorium and bona fide residents of the colony should be admitted.

It is the usual practice in the west to keep a patient in a sanatorium for one or two years.

With proper clinical and immunology characteristic of the Chinese we can without sacrificing efficiency make each patient stay for three months, and to Hong Kong.

In conclusion may I join in appealing to the wealthy section of our community to give, may invest, liberally in support of this much needed sanatorium and as sure as the day follows the night, their own children will reap the benefit from their generosity. ANTI-T.B.

### Tram Notices

Sir,—Displayed prominently on the upper deck of every tram car are the following notices:—

1. "Standing on the upper deck of this car is strictly prohibited" and

2. "The driver of this car is forbidden to proceed whilst there are any passengers ON THE UPPER DECK in excess of the seating accommodation."

In spite of this, however, the number of passengers standing on the upper decks of most tram cars is so many, on practically every trip, that it is nothing unusual to see even the stairway completely blocked.

One of these days an accident will happen, however, the able steps to avoid such a disaster by the simple method of adhering to the rules laid down by the Company—Yours etc. PUBLIC SAFETY.

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